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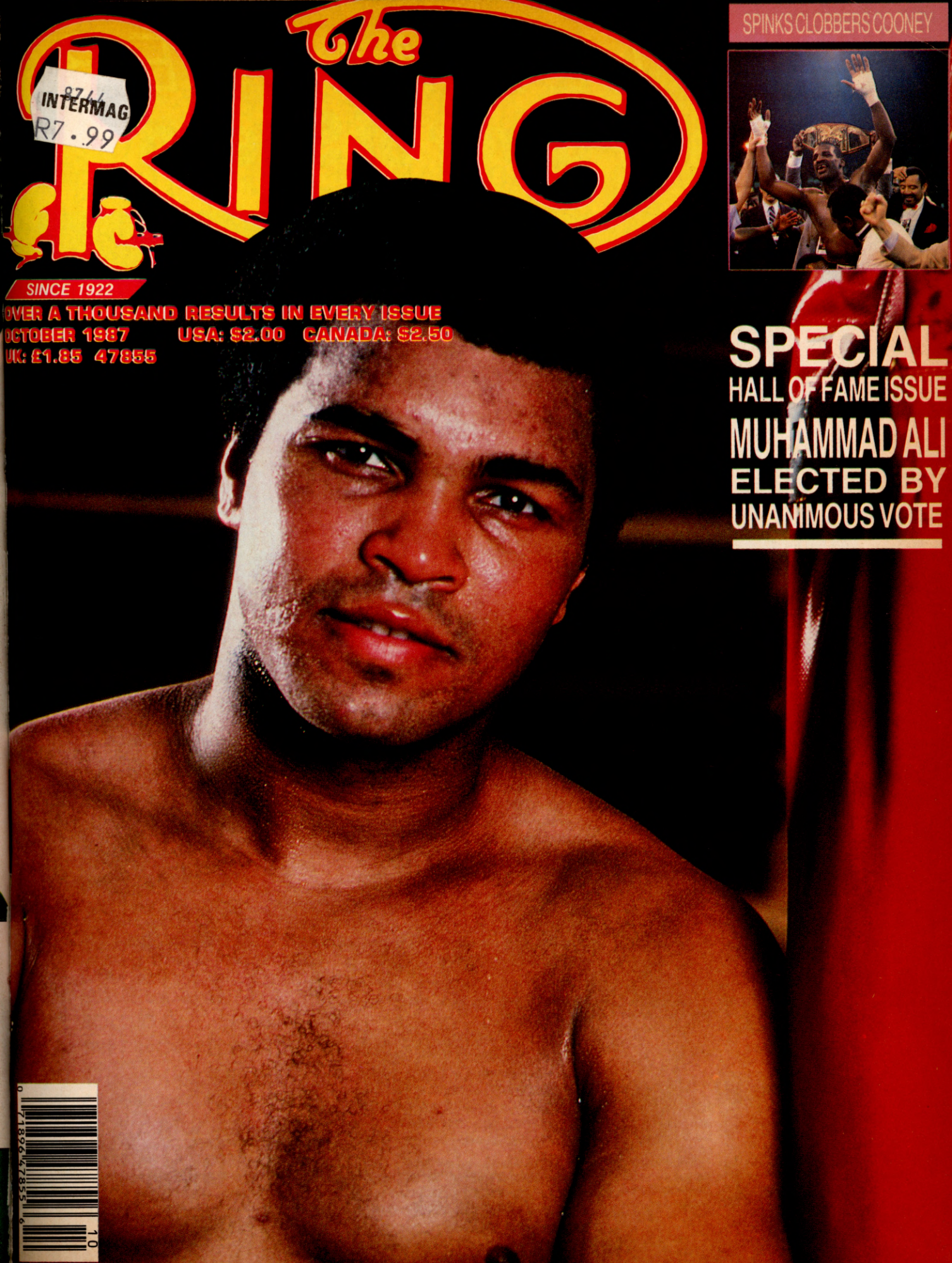

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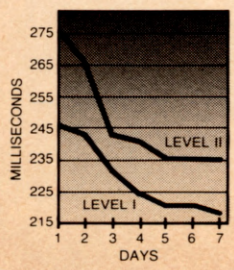

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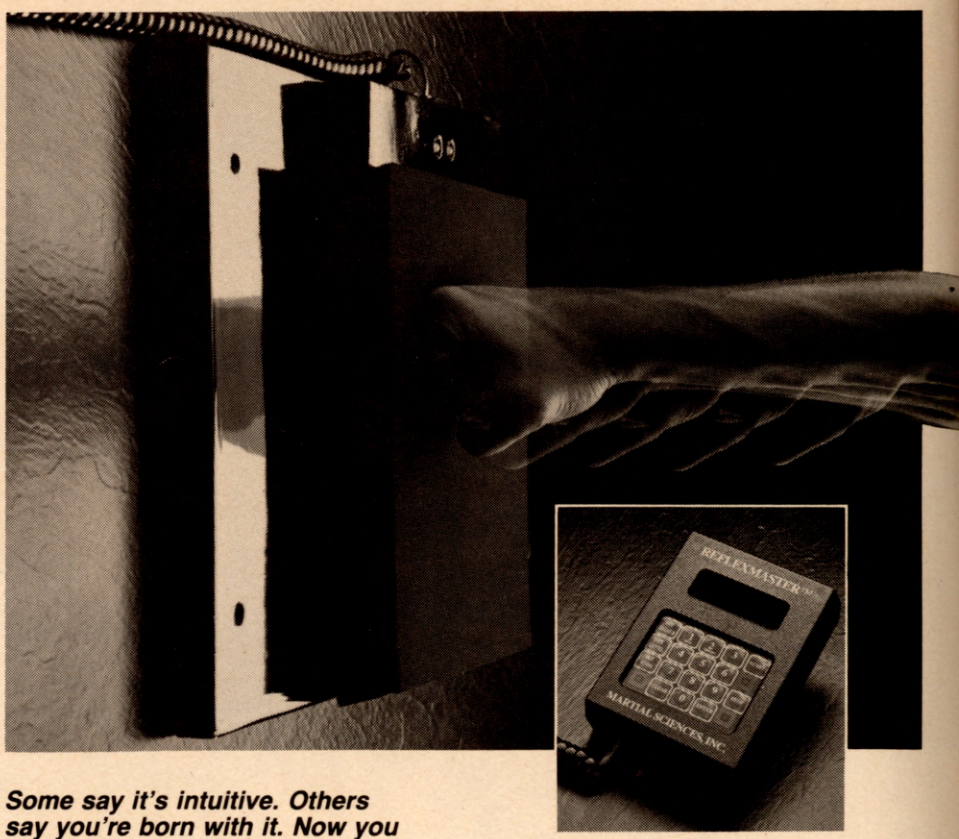

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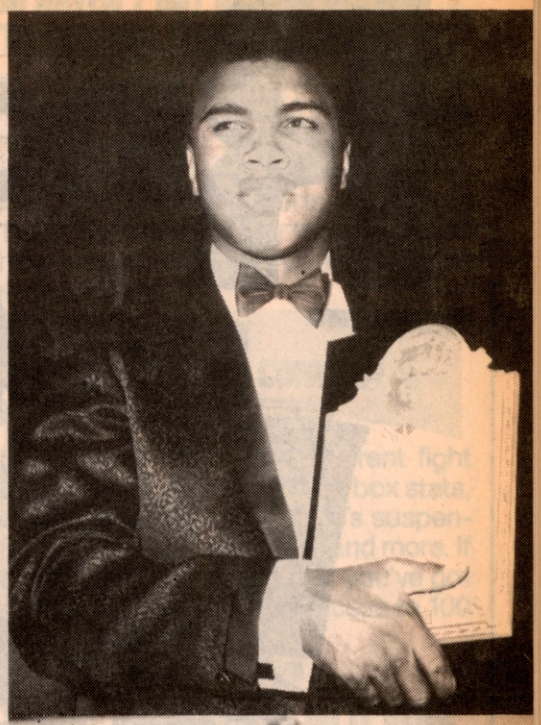

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"The Bible of Boxing"
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It's Hall of Fame time again and both of this year's inductees—Muhammad Ali and Hen Pearce—bring back distinctive memories for me.

I vividly remember the first time I saw Ali in the flesh. It was December, 1963. I was in Miami Beach on Christmas vacation and went to watch Luis Rodriguez outpoint Wilbert "Skeeter" McClure at the Convention Center.

During the preliminaries most of the fans suddenly stopped watching the fight, stood up and directed their attention to the back of the hall. From my remote seat near the rafters it was difficult to see who or what was causing all the commotion. Then I spied a tall, handsome young man waving a fistful of money and carrying on an animated conversation with the crowd which had rapidly gathered around him.

It was, of course, Ali. He was busy drumming up interest in his upcoming bout with Sonny Liston and offering to take all bets from those foolish enough to think Liston would button his lip. Even back then, Ali knew how to steal the show.

Two months later, Muhammad was the heavyweight champion of the world and boxing entered the Ali Era. The rest is history.

I bumped into Ali numerous times over the ensuing years (in the lobby of a Philadelphia movie house the evening his phony computer fight with Rocky Marciano premiered, in the men's room at Madison Square Garden the night he fought Earnie Shavers, and at the 1984 Boxing Writers' Annual Dinner where he received the James J. Walker Memorial Award), but the fondest personal memory will always be of that first time in Miami Beach.

Even though I was just a teenager in the balcony, I felt like I was part of something special. Ali always made you feel that way. Maybe it was this ability to touch the common man, as much as his ring exploits, that made him "The Greatest."

Naturally, I never saw Pearce other than in old engravings. But the mere mention of the "Game Chicken" gives me cause to hold my head a little higher. You see, we were both born in Bristol, England. As I read Pierce Egan's accounts of Hen's noble deeds in *Boxiana*, it renewed my pride in my birthplace and of the great fighting men of yore who hailed from that city.

Therefore, it is with much professional and personal pleasure that I welcome Ali and Pearce to *The Ring* Boxing Hall of Fame.

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Come Out Writing

Editor's Note: Due to the large quantity of mail *The Ring* has received concerning our new ratings policy, we have expanded this month's "Come Out Writing" to two pages. Most of the letters have been edited to allow as many readers as possible to express their opinions.

READERS RESPOND TO NEW RATINGS POLICY

YOU SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR the courageous stand you have taken against the bewildering situation now taking place in the sport of boxing. The competing organizations and the fractionalization of the traditional weight classes has cheapened the sport and saddened many of us who grew up with the deep belief that "Champion of the World" really meant something. Your approach to a "Return To Sanity" in boxing is well thought out and hopefully will serve as a catalyst to a return to a solid and integrated system of ratings.

You have taken the lead and should be supported. The most meaningful way I can show my support and gratitude for your action is to take action myself ... as the enclosed subscription form and check attest to.

STEPHEN GELLER
Miami, Florida

I MUST CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR decision to return to the eight division ratings. A fine move and I, for one, am fully behind your new style of world rankings. And I can see Nat Fleischer looking down from up above with a smile of consent.

I also liked your article explaining just who is champion of each division—excellently done and you are dead right in all you say. I find you putting your individual mark on *The Ring* and I like it. The magazine gets better and better ... if that is possible for an old buff like me.

KAREL DE VRIES
Capetown, South Africa

I HAVE SUBSCRIBED TO *THE RING* ever since taking out a subscription as a youth in the 1950s. Joey Maxim (The Cleveland Comet) was my favorite fighter. During those years I always knew the names of all eight champions. During that time and since, I have always considered those designated by your magazine to be the legitimate champions.

With your July '87 issue, I, for the first time in many years, have once again memorized the names of the world champions. I would have preferred, however, that you would have selected a champion for all eight rather than leaving three vacant.

I suggest that professional boxing now has two types of champions—the alphabet soup champs and the true champions as designated by *The Ring*.

ROBERT J. COOK, Ph.D
Macomb, Ill.

HURRAY FOR *THE RING*.
It's about time somebody stood up for the good of boxing. I am so glad that your magazine has returned to sanity with your new ratings. I believe that all *real* boxing fans will support you. Now, if the other magazines and the TV networks support you, we'd all come out better. This could be the start of something great.

WILLIAM H. TOOT
Philadelphia, Pa.

EIGHT WEIGHT DIVISIONS AND eight world champions is a sane and safe start. Thank you for your article. You risked a great deal bringing it before the boxing fans and the public in general.

WILLIAM OBAYALE
Los Angeles, California

YOUR ARTICLE ON JUST EIGHT DIVisions in boxing was a Godsend. Boxing had become a joke and a travesty. I've been following boxing since 1937 and have every copy of *The Ring* since 1938. You might not want to print this, but the fighters of this period are the worst I have ever seen.

F.X. BURNS
Somerville, MA

I SUPPORT YOUR NEW RATING SYStem. You are doing the right thing for boxing. Keep up the good work. Your magazine is the very best.

TED LANGER
Hammond, Ind.

I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO the July '87 issue because of your new ranking system, which I read about in *Sports Illustrated*. I feel that this system is a good idea which should, in my opinion, carry more prestige than a belt from one of the "ABC" boxing commissions. I hope the rankings are well received.

JEFF DAVIS
Kenly, NC

AS A LONG-TIME SUBSCRIBER, I wish to express my gratitude and elation for *The Ring's* July '87 issue of a "Return To Sanity" and the bold new rating system. Not only is it a gutsy move in the right direction, time will prove *The Ring* made the correct decision. This is a true victory for *every* boxing fan and for boxing in general. Let's hear it for *The Ring*.

RON SHEWMAKE
Garland, Texas

I HAD TO WRITE TO PRAISE YOUR magazine for taking a stand on the weight divisions. There should be only eight divisions and one champion in each division. The WBC, WBA and IBF have turned boxing into a three-ring circus. As a true boxing fan, I applaud your decision.

JOHN JOHNSON
Pittsburgh, Pa.

NICE JOB ON YOUR NEW RATINGS. I'm glad you took your stand on eight divisions and eight champions. Personally, I also favor the cruiserweight division.

CLIVE W. GARY
Wendover, Utah

RE: *THE RING* MAGAZINE'S NEW rating policy.

Great move . . . long overdue to say the least! I'm sure reader support will pour in. Success to you in '87. Keep up the good work.

JOE SEBERGANDIO
La Crescenta, California

I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY to congratulate you on your last issue. Your gamble paid off. The July 1987 issue of *The Ring* magazine was not only a refreshing change, but contained some of the finest writing I've seen in a long time. Your gamble should be a shining example to other boxing publications on how the sport should be covered. I especially enjoyed your article on the ratings system and agree wholeheartedly with what was said.

AMEET KAMATH
Milwaukee, WI

THANK YOU, *RING* FOR "A RETURN To Sanity." I have been a proponent of this for many years. You are truly the leader. You have courage and convictions. Maybe you'll encourage the boxers to stay in their own weight division and quit reaching for light this and super that.

Can you write an article on the confusion and misrepresentation of the two and three titleholders of today versus an (Henry) Armstrong or (Sugar Ray) Robinson, who held "real" multiple crowns?

RUSTY WALKER
Chandler, Arizona

Editor's Note: Mr. Walker makes an excellent point about so-called multiple champions. *The Ring* fully intends to carry an article on the subject in the near future.

WHILE I WAS ECSTATIC TO COME across your new ratings, I was a bit dismayed as to your recognition of Michael Spinks as the true heavyweight champion. True, Spinks defeated Holmes over 15 rounds, but it was for the IBF heavyweight title, one which was afforded Holmes without benefit of an opponent. Holmes vacated the only claim he had to a title when he relinquished his WBC championship rather than defend against Greg Page.

KURTIS C. WOLF
Glendale, Arizona

I AGREE WITH YOUR ATTEMPT TO try to clear up the rating confusion with your "Return To Sanity" ratings. However, I think there is a discrepancy here. You said Mike Spinks is still the heavyweight champion even though he has been stripped.

JOHAM NWOKENH
Nigeria

Editor's Note: To Mr. Wolf, Mr. Nwokenh and others who seem to have misunderstood our reason for recognizing Michael Spinks as the true heavyweight champion: *The Ring* is not concerned with the IBF, WBC or WBA heavyweight titles. Larry Holmes won THE WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP when he defeated Muhammad Ali via an 11th-round TKO on October 2, 1980. The victory over Ali made Holmes the direct linear champion from John L. Sullivan. As Spinks defeated Holmes (twice), he now holds that distinction.

GIVING AWAY A BELT BUCKLE WITH a subscription now, huh? Soon, you won't be able to give away your magazine if you continue this crap! Hell, why not disregard all weight classes and just revert back to strictly strongman competitions?

MICHAEL DI DONATO
Bainbridge, NY

IT SEEMS THAT BEFORE I HAVE HAD the chance to adjust to each annoying idiosyncrasy of your magazine, a new one is added. I have reached such a saturation point that I am resolutely against renewing my subscription.

The latest abomination is your reactionary treatment of *The Ring* Ratings. In boxing, as in politics, time confers legitimacy. If that were not the case, Israel must cease to exist, and nearly all of North America must be handed back to the Indians. Many of the "junior" and "super" divisions have borne the test of time and been graced by great champions, yet they have been sanctimoniously expunged from your "Bible of Boxing."

PETER NAGY
Houston, Texas

AS A LONG-TIME READER OF *THE Ring*, and an editor/publisher of some reputation, I want to express a very real concern about a major policy decision you have made related to your "Ratings" in the July '87 issue. Your decision to eliminate all reference to the champions selected by the WBA, WBC and IBF, to eliminate the secondary divisions (Cruiserweight, Junior Middleweight, etc.), and not to include the boxers in each division who are ranked directly beneath the top ten, is a real disservice to the world of boxing and to your readers. What you should not do—and what you are doing with this new more limited perception of your "Ratings"—is ignore the realities that you do not like.

I do not ordinarily write a letter of this kind and I do so now only because I care about *The Ring* and fear that, if you do not reverse your position on your "Ratings," the magazine will lose some of its value and importance. And that I do not want to see happen.

HUGH M. HEFNER,
EDITOR/PUBLISHER
Playboy Magazine
Los Angeles, California

Editor's Note: *The Ring* thanks Mr. Hefner for his concern. However, he seems to have overlooked the fact that we are continuing to carry "other" ratings besides *The Ring's* in our "Rings Around The World" section. We are not trying to ignore realities we do not like. Rather we are offering a constructive alternative for all who are dissatisfied with the current state of confusion boxing finds itself in.

Round One

by Phill Marder

BUT BERTHA

Nobody wants you when you're down and out.

He hadn't lost a fight in 11 years. And during that period, nary a discouraging word was spoken of **Marvelous Marvin Hagler.** Heck, the guy was even doing pizza commercials.

But 1987 has not been kind to Hagler. First came the loss to **Sugar Ray Leonard.** Since, the former middleweight champion has been embroiled in a domestic squabble with his wife, **Bertha.**

Mrs. Hagler filed a family abuse petition, claiming she "lives in fear" of her husband. Bertha claimed, "Marvin threw me out of the house. He pushed me. He hit the car with a boulder. I am in fear of him."

Bertha obtained a restraining order barring Hagler from his family's Hanover, Massachusetts home. She also sought custody of the couple's five children, Celeste E., 17; James T., 15; Marvin Jr., 11; Gentry, 8; and Charelle, 5.

Marvin, living in seclusion in Bartlett, New Hampshire since losing to Leonard, reportedly is only interested in keeping his marriage together. What caused the rift has the boxing world speculating wildly.

One theory is that Bertha sought the court action to snap Hagler out of the depression he has been in since losing his title. But reports of alcohol and cocaine abuse—all unconfirmed—have begun to surface.

"I want to reassure the public I have no problem with drugs or alcohol," Hagler said in a taped interview with **John Dennis** of Boston's WNEV-TV. "I'm probably drinking a bit because of my marriage problems, but not to the extent I'm overdoing it."

Morris Goldings, Hagler's attorney, said, "He just wants to see his children and continue to be an excellent father. He's very concerned about his family life. He does not want a divorce.

"This is a domestic relations matter and it's a matter of privacy in the family," Goldings added.

Unfortunately for both Marvin and Bertha, privacy is a luxury the couple surrendered long ago.

Meanwhile Pinklon Thomas' wife, Kathy, held up Pinklon's $750,000 purse from his fight with Mike Tyson saying she was forced to attach his wages since she hasn't received any support since Thomas left her and her son, Pinklon III.

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Sherman Griffin celebrates winning the USBA cruiserweight title in Houston, Texas. Four days later he was shot in the back during an alleged robbery attempt.

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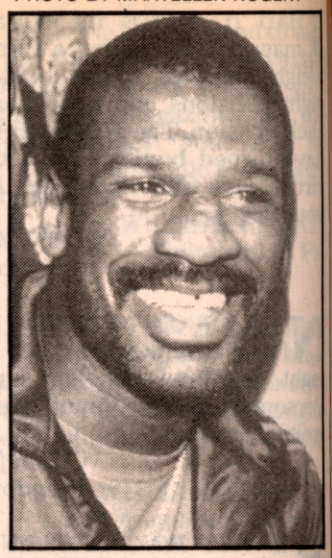


Heavyweight champion Michael Spinks is all smiles these days. And why not? His stunning victory over Gerry Cooney boosted his fistic stock and set the stage for a multi-million dollar showdown with Mike Tyson.

LET'S GO PARKING

We know **Leon Spinks** fought in a parking lot, but **Mike Tyson?**

Tyson was charged in Los Angeles on one count of assault with a deadly weapon—his fists—and one count of battery after an altercation in the parking lot of the Greek Theater.

Tyson allegedly grabbed Tabita Gonzalez, an 18-year-old parking lot attendant, and said, "Give me a kiss." Gonzalez wasn't cooperative and as she struggled to get away, parking supervisor Jonathon Casares asked if she was all right.

According to the police report, Tyson then approached the 20-year-old Casares, threw a T-shirt in his face and said, "I'm going to tear you apart." Reportedly, Tyson then hit Casares three times with an open hand, giving the supervisor a swollen nose.

Tyson was expected to be arraigned in Los Angeles Criminal Court two days before his bout with IBF champ **Tony Tucker.** If convicted, Tyson could face a maximum $12,000 fine and 18 months in jail. Eighteen minutes in jail would probably be enough time for each organization to strip him of his title. Wouldn't that be fun? Then we could have eliminations with the likes of **Chuck**

Gardner and **Anders Eklund.** We could even throw Leon in there!

MORE BAD NEWS

Just four days after winning the USBA cruiserweight championship with a split decision over **Jeff Lampkin, Sherman Griffin** was gunned down by a motel clerk while he allegedly tried to rob a couple in the motel.

Griffin was shot four times at the Regency Inn in Texas when he reportedly beat open the door of the couple's room. One bullet, lodged near Griffin's spine, will not be removed because doctors fear the surgery could cause paralysis.

Griffin's trainer, **Henry Harris,** said he thought Griffin was trying to stop the man from beating his wife and was being framed. But Griffin was denied bail after being charged with two counts of aggravated robbery and one count of burglary and Griffin's close friend, heavyweight **Mike Williams,** said he believes drug abuse led to Griffin's downfall.

Before the shooting, Griffin was free on $20,000 bail after being charged in a January 30 robbery of a Houston video store. Griffin had been on trial with the Houston Boxing Association, but his contract was dropped after he tested positive in a drug screening examination.

Another shooting felled U.S. Golden Gloves champion **Mylon Watkins,** who was considered a strong candidate for the 1988 Olympic team. Watkins was in stable condition in Tacoma, Washington after being shot in the chest when struck with a handgun.

Round One

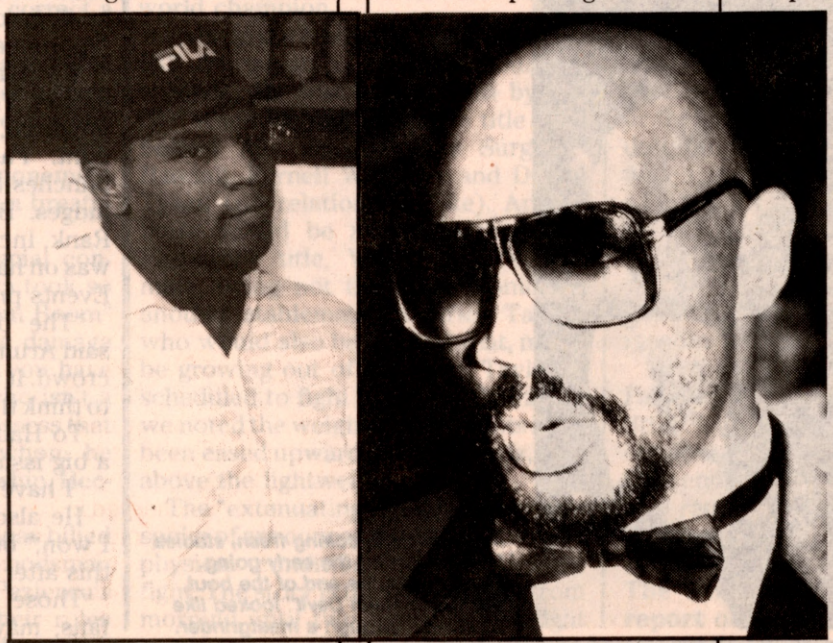
ROSIN DUST

On the positive front, **Sugar Ray Leonard** pledged a $250,000 gift to the Grambling, Louisiana Athletic Foundation for a Sugar Ray Leonard Scholarship Fund ... And world heavyweight champion **Michael Spinks** and his promoter **Butch Lewis** were recently in New York to present several scholarships at the 78th annual NAACP Convention ... **Ray Mancini** and **Hector Camacho** finally got it on, but it was not in a ring. It wasn't even in a parking lot. Instead, the two joined the Fat Boys and the Beach Boys in filming a video of "Wipeout," the Fat Boys' latest single. ... **Ernesto Landeros** was critically injured when his car ran into a brick wall. Landeros recently won the California lightweight championship ... A new library in Salt Lake City will be named the West Jordan Library in honor of the home town of former middleweight champion **Gene Fullmer** and his manager **Marv Jensen** ... And **Michael Dokes** was arrested—again ... **Jackie Fields** passed away June 3 at age 79. **Joe Salas** died June 11 at 83. In 1924, the two Los Angeles boxers fought each other in the Paris Olympic Games with Fields winning a decision to take the gold while Salas settled for the silver ... In a month of sad news, we note the passing of **Bob Waters,** the outstanding boxing writer for *Newsday* who died of cancer at 66 ... Former WBA junior lightweight champ **Sammy Serrano** was sentenced to 15 years in jail and fined $100,000 for his conviction on drug charges ... Former European light heavyweight **Rudi Koopmans** was sentenced to one year in prison by a Dutch court for his role in an extortion scheme ... Watch for former heavyweight contender **Jack O'Halloran** in the movie "Dragnet." Even this month's bright notes involve the police ... A belated 65th birthday wish to **Lou Duva,** who was not arrested, sued for divorce or shot. Keep up the good work, Lou.

PUNCH LINES

Promoter **Butch Lewis** after **Michael Spinks'** devastating performance against **Gerry Cooney:**

"We want to satisfy the public and settle this business with Tyson. His people should stop procrastinating and perpetrating a fraud on the public." □

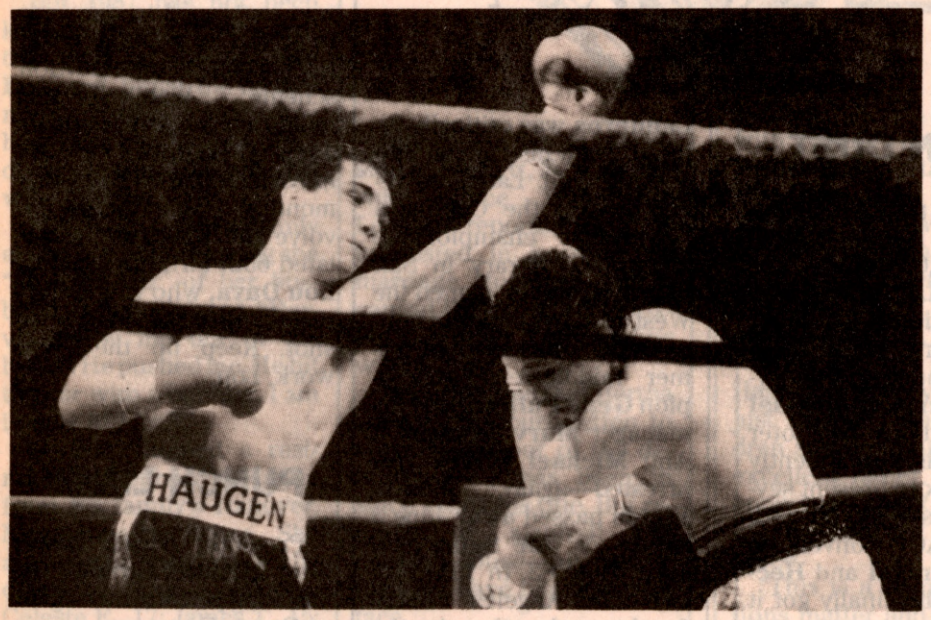


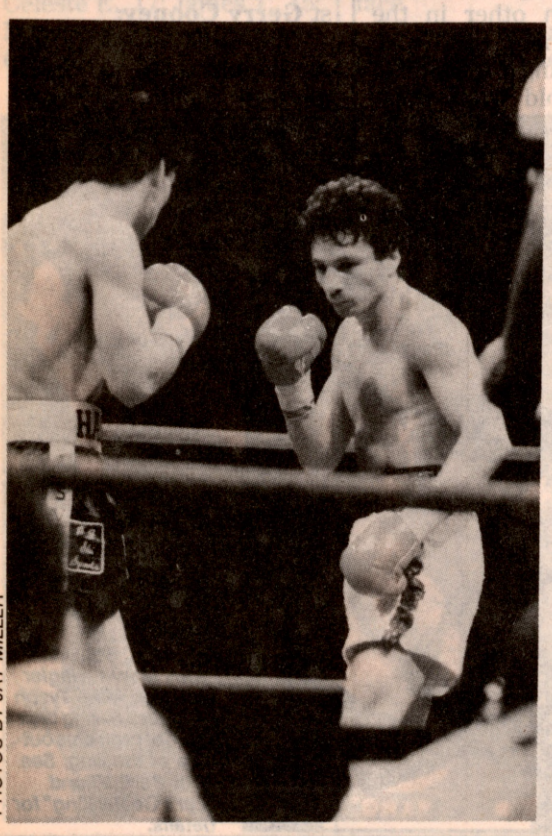
Bad boys. Both Marvelous Marvin Hagler (left) and Mike Tyson have been having their share of problems outside of the ring. See "But Bertha" and "Let's Go Parking" for details.

THE DEVIL'S DILEMMA

Vinny Paz Wins IBF Title In Controversial Call . . . But Can He Hold It?

by Wes Moon





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Defending IBF lightweight champ Greg Haugen (left) has Vinny Pazienza covering up during their controversial 15-rounder in Providence.

Pazienza, still looking fresh, studies Haugen during the early going. However, by the end of the bout, the "Pazmanian Devil" looked like he'd been through a meatgrinder.

THE GIFTED INVENTOR EDISON, remarking on the characteristics of genius, is reported to have said, "It's 10 percent inspiration and 90 percent perspiration."

Too bad a boxing sage didn't get credit for that gem because it applies more accurately to prize fighters than others. There is no better example today than Vinny Pazienza, new International Boxing Federation lightweight champion.

There was very little inspiration and much perspiration employed June 7 when Pazienza, nicknamed the "Pazmanian Devil," wrested the title from Greg Haugen. What a national NBC television audience saw was 15 rounds of a grueling, bloody battle between two well-matched lightweights.

They saw a fight many will argue was a lot closer than the unanimous decision given Pazienza. All three judges: Richard Bey, Miami, Florida, Keith MacDonald, Reno, Nevada and Dr. Clark Sammartino, Providence, Rhode Island, scored in favor of Pazienza by the same score—144 to 141.

There had been mutterings about a "hometown" decision. Pazienza was born and reared in nearby Cranston. The Providence Civic Center, where the bout was held, is his home ring. The Providence and other Rhode Island fans who usually fill the center for his fights are very loyal, parochial, partisan, perhaps even intimidating. They demonstrated these qualities pointedly with wild applause for Pazienza when he entered the ring and solid boos for Haugen, without the apology of scattered applause by the "sportsmen" present.

We have no argument with the judges. There is no such thing as an impartial, objective way to judge a fight. Factors other than counting punches thrown and landed weigh on judges. Bob Arum, president of Top Rank, Inc., the boxing promotion firm, was on hand as a spectator to this Main Events promotion.

"The officials are not dishonest," said Arum. "But they're listening to the crowd. It would be expecting too much to think they wouldn't be influenced."

To Haugen's credit, he didn't make a big issue of the decision.

"I have no complaints," he said.

He also said, "I happen to feel that I won," but how often have you heard this after a close fight?

Those of us reporting fights, like fans, may grumble inwardly about a

decision and put our boos on paper at what is obviously a bad call by the officials. But, in the main, we learn to live with the calls. What's done is done.

What writers share with aficionados is that constant search for that boxer who brings into the ring the something extra—that electrifying punch, or style, or speed or presence. Muhammad Ali brought a presence, Alexis Arguello a style, Dempsey a fierceness, Louis a punch you sat on the edge of your seat waiting to see, Marciano a dogged will to win that couldn't be beaten down, Aaron Pryor a determination that overrode human endurance. Mike Tyson brings a youthful Teddy Roosevelt ebullience with his soft talk and big stick.

Pazienza, in winning his one-third of a world championship, the IBF third, brought none of these things. His brash manner, red, white and green, sequined ring outfits, flashy combination of punches, needless posturing, are but a parody of ring greatness. Arguello's skill, precision punching and power are lacking, nor, with all the energy he displays, does he emulate the relentless power of Pryor, nor even the dazzling speed or magic elusiveness of Howard Davis who, alas, has little else.

Pazienza is the picture of a champion in trouble. He paid a dear price physically to take the title from Haugen. His left eyebrow required eight stitches, his nose was rebroken and his right hand was injured. Chances are he won't be able to fight again until late October at the earliest. He will have to undergo an operation on his nose to correct a breathing problem.

The damage can't all be attributed to Haugen. Pazienza's nose was broken several weeks before the bout when he was sparring with a light heavyweight, causing a postponement from May 24. He was having a breathing problem before the fight.

These items aren't of special concern. What is is that Pazienza took so many punches, ala Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini, and caused so little damage with his "best" punches. So, you have the picture of a champion who isn't a "stopper" and who doesn't possess that quality of the boxer with whom he shares some of his showmanship, Hector "Macho" Camacho.

Haugen, prior to the fight, was billed as the barroom-brawling woodsman who was to play the bull to Pazienza's matador role. In the ring, their roles were reversed. Haugen fought a cool, calculating fight, while Pazienza was more the bull and brawler.

There are extenuating circumstances you should consider, but the facts are that after the fourth round Pazienza, whose jabs were falling short and in-and-out sorties were being countered well by Haugen, changed strategy. He charged, using his head, to bull Haugen into the ropes in the fifth round and held him with his left while landing the right; in the eighth round, Paz used his forearm to keep Haugen in a neutral corner and in the 11th he brought an elbow into play.

Pazienza said before the fight, "I will do what I have to do to win" and he repeated it after the fight: "I did what I had to do to win."

He also said, "He could have broke my nose five times—and one arm. I would have kept on fighting."

Admirable determination. True grit, you might say. Qualities expected of a champion.

But to remain a boxing champion more is required. Sooner or later there comes the test of skill, power, endurance and determination such as Ali needed in all his fights with "Smokin' " Joe Frazier. It is when this time arrives, we fear, Pazienza will fall short. He doesn't have the power to punch with Edwin Rosario, World Boxing Association champion. There are Terrence Alli and Jose Luis Ramirez, soon to fight for the vacated (by Camacho) World Boxing Council crown, who will challenge him if he bids to become a true world champion.

Even in the restricted confines of the IBF the talents of Pazienza could be strained. He was ranked fifth by the IBF when he was given the title shot behind Alli, Frankie "The Surgeon" Randall, Pernell Whitaker and Darryl Tyson (no relation to Mike). Any of these would be a serious threat to Pazienza's title, Whitaker, a stablemate, being not the least. Ironically, another stablemate, Meldrick Taylor, who would also be a real threat, might be growing out of the class. Taylor is scheduled to fight Cubanito Perez and we noted the weight requirements have been eased upward to 139 pounds, four above the lightweight limit.

The "extenuating circumstances" we spoke of are concerned with Pazienza's physical condition for the Haugen fight. The story is that he was sick from morning until two hours before fight time.

What we have heard is that a friend gave him a bag of goodies—candy, raisins, apples, etc.—after weigh-in the morning of the fight. He ate some of the items, gulped them down, and became ill with the classic symptoms of a "bug" or food poisoning.

That he fought is indicative of his determination.

The actions of manager Lou Duva leading to the "bag of goodies" incident might tell us another important fact about Pazienza.

Duva had kept him on an exceptionally stringent diet during training and revealed that in the last few days before the fight he had moved with Pazienza to a room in the firehouse converted into a gym by Pazienza and his father. Meals were strictly supervised, with plenty of vitamin supplements and fruits and salads.

Can it be Pazienza isn't long, weightwise, for the 135-pound class?

Of immediate concern to Haugen, of course, is the agreed-upon return match. The former champion, who had held the title since he upset Jimmy Paul December 5, stated unequivocally he was given to understand he would be given a return match in Las Vegas.

Dan Duva, president of Main Events, stated, "I told Greg Haugen he would get a rematch and he will."

Duva didn't say when or where.

Robert W. Lee, president of the IBF, will undoubtedly have a say in the rematch arrangements. After the fight, Haugen was dropped into Pazienza's old fifth spot among the IBF contenders. If the other contenders are busy seeking other titles, Haugen could be considered for Pazienza's first defense, or the current champion could be mandated to fight possibly Whitaker first, which would create an interesting problem for the Duvas.

One thing is fairly certain and that is there is little likelihood the return will be at Las Vegas. A more likely site is Atlantic City for purely financial reasons.

At the moment, and judging from Pazienza's performance in winning the title, chances are slim he will wear the crown for a long time, maybe not even long enough to give Haugen the promised return title fight. □

Editor's Note: See "Rings Around The World," Rhode Island, for full report on Pazienza-Haugen fight.

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SONNY LISTON	21
VINCENTE SALDIVAR	21
FLASH ELORDE	18
FIGHTING HARADA	14
JOEY GIARDELLO	14
HAROLD JOHNSON	14
RUBEN OLIVARES	14

THE HALL OF FAME OPENS ITS DOORS TO ALI

by Phill Marder

EACH YEAR, *THE RING* distributes Hall of Fame ballots to boxing experts throughout the world. And each year, the members of *The Ring* editorial staff wait for the returns from the voting writers, historians and broadcasters, curious to see which fighters, if any, will be named on the 75 percent necessary to gain admission to the hallowed Hall.

But not this year.

This year, there was no suspense. This year was the first year Muhammad Ali's name graced the ballot. That Ali would be selected was a foregone conclusion. The only question was whether or not the selection would be unanimous.

It was.

Muhammad Ali was special, one of those rare athletes who inspired a reaction in everyone—the boxing fan, the sports fan, the fan dancer. Often, the reaction was unfavorable. Ali taunted his opponents, flaunted his ability and haunted the United States government and the sporting public.

He belittled his foes with demeaning nicknames—"Big Ugly Bear," "Rabbit," "Acorn"—and predicted the round in which he would win. He named himself "The Greatest" and never hesitated to remind anyone within shouting distance that he, and he alone, deserved the monicker. He fought the draft, claiming "I ain't got nothin' against those Viet Cong," changed his name from Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr. and championed black rights.

He became the most recognized face in the world.

That many desired to see that pretty mug punched in had little effect on the man recently designated by *The Ring* as the greatest heavyweight champion in history. Through it all, he boxed as no previous heavyweight had, floating like a butterfly, stinging like a bee.

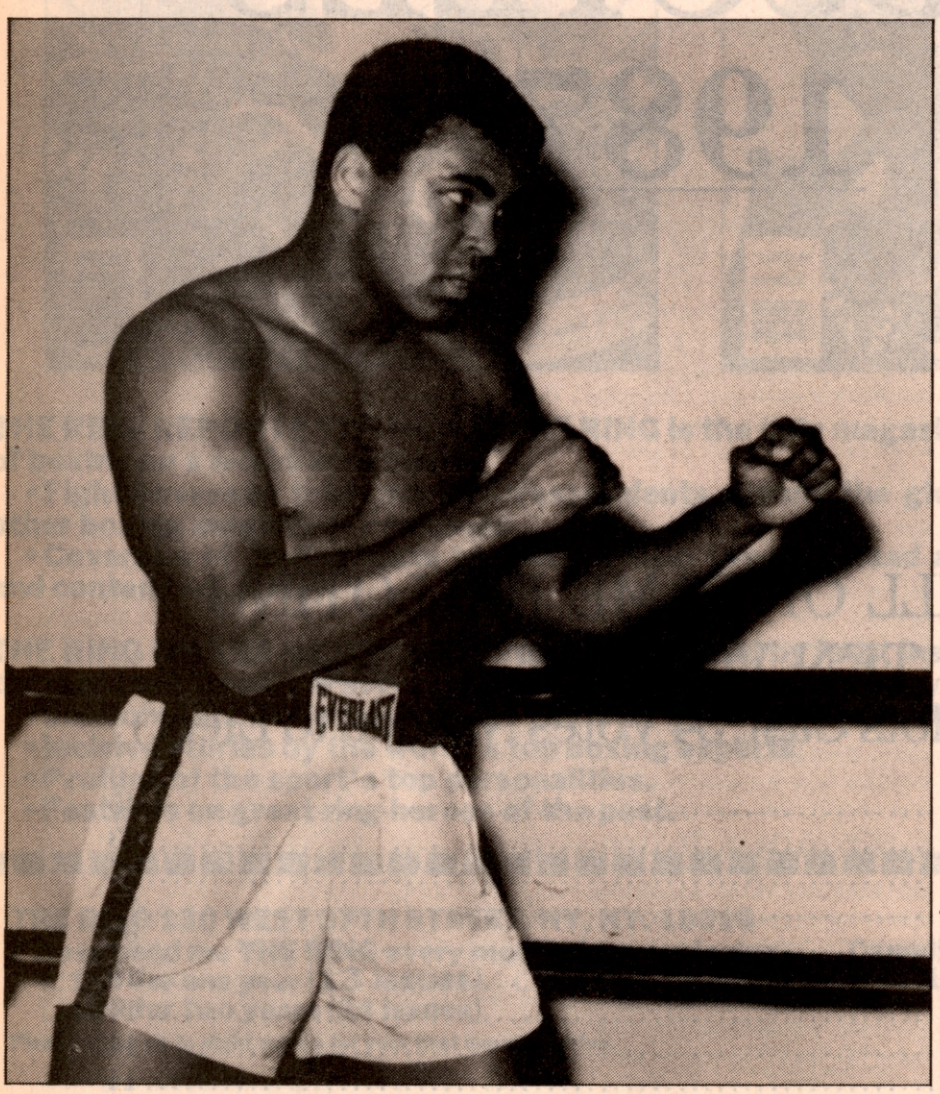
By the time his 11-year, 61-bout professional career had concluded, even the most ardent jingoistic racist had to admit what his fans had known all along—Ali was one helluva great fighter, a fighter whose place in boxing history will forever be secure.

Few, if any, suspected what was to come when the 18-year-old, Louisville, Kentucky native captured a gold medal in the light heavyweight division of the 1960 Olympic Games. Four years, 19 straight wins and a lot of noise later, little had changed. The boxing world was searching, with little hope, for someone capable of giving heavyweight champion Sonny Liston a competitive challenge. Cassius Clay was not seen as the solution.

But when the burly Liston injured his shoulder and retired on his stool at the conclusion of the sixth round of their title fight, a stunned world watched as the 22-year-old Clay went berserk, screaming, "I'm the greatest. I told the world I'd do it. You are hypocrites because none of you believed me. I whipped him so bad I put him in the hospital. And look at Cassius—I'm still pretty."

The world wasn't looking at Cassius Clay much longer. The new champion settled on the Black Muslim name, Muhammad Ali.

Ali reinforced his win over Liston with a one-round knockout in the rematch, then dispatched former champion Floyd Patterson in 12. Patterson had never been a popular champion, but against Ali, he was the crowd favor-



ite. The more Ali boasted, the more fans longed for someone to zip "The Lip."

The best in the world tried as Ali became truly a world champion by defending his crown around the globe. George Chuvalo failed in Toronto. Henry Cooper, who had floored Ali as Cassius Clay, and Brian London were butchered in England. Karl Mildenberger fell before the home folks in Frankfurt, Cleveland Williams and Ernie Terrell in Houston and Zora Folley in New York.

It was no "Bum of the Month Club," but more a "Victim of the Month" parade.

But where flesh and blood failed, bureaucracy succeeded. Ali was stopped, not by another boxer but by the United States government. For failing to submit to the draft, Ali was denied the right to practice his profession and was stripped of his championship by all but *The Ring*. At age 25 and at the peak of his fistic abilities, Ali was forced to the sidelines where he eventually announced his retirement. Three prime years were wiped away before he returned to defeat Jerry Quarry and Oscar Bonavena.

Those victories set up a title fight with unbeaten Joe Frazier, who had gained universal recognition as world champion during Ali's absence. Frazier's 15-round decision win cemented his claim.

Ali was far from through, though. In his next start, he stopped Jimmy Ellis to win the NABF heavyweight championship. He defended that crown five times and continued to display his talents throughout the world, traveling to Zurich, Tokyo, Vancouver and Dublin. In 1973, he lost the NABF crown to Ken Norton, but regained it later the same year. After traveling to Jakarta to beat Rudi Lubbers, he defended successfully against Frazier, who had lost his championship to George Foreman.

Foreman, like Liston, was considered unbeatable. But Ali did the unthinkable, knocking Foreman flat in Zaire to become the second to regain the world heavyweight crown. For four years, Ali kept boxing fans and airlines happy, traveling extensively to defend his championship. Included in his excursions was a trip to Manila for "The Thrilla'," a 14-round TKO of Frazier in one of history's more memorable heavyweight title bouts.

In 1978, he lost his title to Leon Spinks, but came back to beat Spinks later the same year to become the only man to win the heavyweight championship three times.

By the time he retired in 1979, Ali was one of boxing's more beloved figures and most were sad to see his ill-fated comeback which produced only losses to Larry Holmes and Trevor Berbick.

When he finally quit for keeps in 1981, his record stood 56-5 with 37 knockouts. But the final line doesn't come close to showing the impact "The Greatest" had on boxing and the world in general.

It has been five years since Ali's final fight. To be eligible for election to *The Ring's* Hall of Fame, one must be retired for five years. We have waited anxiously for this year to come so that Ali could take his rightful place among the greats of the sport.

That his selection was unanimous is only fitting. □

THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF MUHAMMAD ALI

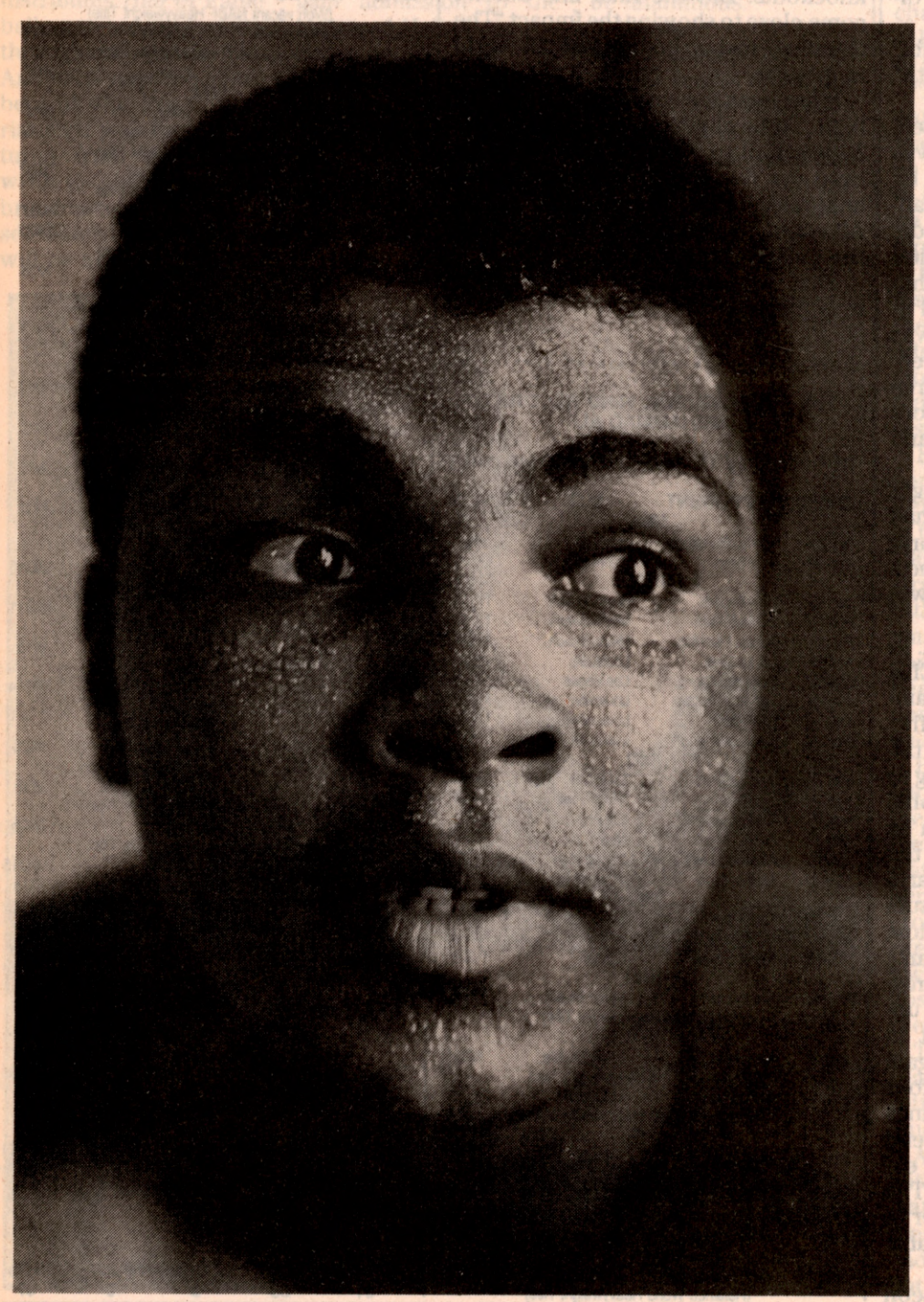
Born: January 17, 1942, Louisville, Kentucky

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1960		
Oct. 29	Tunney Hunsaker	Louisville	W6
Dec. 27	Herb Siler	Miami Beach	TKO4
	1961		
Jan. 17	Tony Esperti	Miami Beach	TKO3
Feb. 7	Jim Robinson	Miami Beach	TKO1
Feb. 21	Donnie Fleeman	Miami Beach	TKO7
Apr. 19	Lamar Clark	Louisville	KO2
June 26	Duke Sabedong	Las Vegas	W10
July 22	Alonzo Johnson	Louisville	W10
Oct. 7	Alex Miteff	Louisville	TKO6
Nov. 29	Willie Besmanoff	Louisville	TKO7
	1962		
Feb. 10	Sonny Banks	New York	TKO4
Feb. 28	Don Warner	Miami Beach	TKO4
Apr. 23	George Logan	Los Angeles	TKO4
May 19	Billy Daniles	New York	TKO7
July 20	Alejandro Lavorante	Los Angeles	KO5
Nov. 15	Archie Moore	Los Angeles	TKO4
	1963		
Jan. 24	Charlie Powell	Pittsburgh	KO3
March 13	Doug Jones	New York	W10
June 18	Henry Cooper	London	TKO5
	1964		
Feb. 25	Sonny Liston (Won World Heavyweight Title)	Miami Beach	TKO7
	1965		
May 25	Sonny Liston (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	Lewiston, Me.	KO1
Nov. 22	Floyd Patterson (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	Las Vegas	TKO12
	1966		
March 29	George Chuvalo (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	Toronto	W15
May 21	Henry Cooper (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	London	TKO6
Aug. 6	Brian London (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	London	KO3
Sept. 10	Karl Mildenberger (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	Frankfurt	TKO12
Nov. 14	Cleveland Williams (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	Houston	TKO3
	1967		
Feb. 6	Ernie Terrell (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	Houston	W15
March 22	Zora Folley (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	New York	KO7
	1968-1969		
	(Inactive)		
	1970		
Feb. 6	Announced Retirement		
Oct. 26	Jerry Quarry	Atlanta	TKO3
Dec. 7	Oscar Bonavena	New York	TKO15
	1971		
March 8	Joe Frazier (For World Heavyweight Title)	New York	L15
July 26	Jimmy Ellis (Won vacant NABF Heavyweight Title)	Houston	TKO12
Nov. 17	Buster Mathis Retained NABF Heavyweight Title)	Houston	W12
Dec. 26	Jurgen Blin	Zurich	KO7
	1972		
Apr. 1	Mac Foster	Tokyo	W15
May 1	George Chuvalo (Retained NABF Heavyweight Title)	Vancouver	W12
June 27	Jerry Quarry (Retained NABF Heavyweight Title)	Las Vegas	TKO7
July 19	Alvin Lewis	Dublin	TKO11
Sept. 20	Floyd Patterson Retained NABF Heavyweight Title)	New York	TKO7
Nov. 21	Bob Foster (Retained NABF Heavyweight Title)	Stateline, Nev.	KO8
	1973		
Feb. 14	Joe Bugner	Las Vegas	W12
Mar. 31	Ken Norton (Lost NABF Heavyweight Title)	San Diego	L12
Sept. 10	Ken Norton (Regained NABF Heavyweight Title)	Los Angeles	W12
Oct. 20	Rudi Lubbers	Jakarta	W12
	1974		
Jan. 28	Joe Frazier (Retained NABF Heavyweight Title)	New York	W12
Oct. 30	George Foreman (Regained World Heavyweight Title)	Zaire	KO8
	1975		
Mar. 24	Chuck Wepner (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	Cleveland	TKO15
May 16	Ron Lyle (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	Las Vegas	TKO11
July 1	Joe Bugner (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	Kuala Lumpur	W15
Oct. 1	Joe Frazier (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	Quezon City	TKO14
	1976		
Feb. 20	Jean Pierre Coopman (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	San Juan	KO5
Apr. 30	Jimmy Young (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	Landover, Md.	W15
May 24	Richard Dunn (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	Munich	TKO5
June 25	Antonio Inoki	Tokyo	ExhD15
Sept. 28	Ken Norton (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	New York	W15
	1977		
May 16	Alfredo Evangelista	Landover, Md.	W15
Sept. 29	Earnie Shavers (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	New York	W15
	1978		
Feb. 15	Leon Spinks (Lost World Heavyweight Title)	Las Vegas	L15
Sept. 15	Leon Spinks (Regained World Heavyweight Title)	New Orleans	W15
	1979		
June 27	Announced Retirement		
	1980		
Oct. 2	Larry Holmes (For vacant World Heavyweight Title)	Las Vegas	TKOby11
	1981		
Dec. 11	Trevor Berbick	Nassau	L10

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
61	56	5	0	37

MUHAMMAD ALI ... THOUGHTS ON "THE GREATEST"

By Joseph D'O'Brian



The most famous face in the world . . . Muhammad Ali.

EVEN TODAY, WHEN ONE would think that the argument had been settled for good, there are still a lot of people going around saying that Muhammad Ali was bad for boxing.

Typically, their arguments run something like this: "Ali bastardized the sport. It's not boxing anymore; it's theatre. And he made it that way with all his showboating. It's always a media event instead of a fight.

"And he ruined the sport in the ring, too. Fighters don't fight these days; they just run and pose and lean on the ropes. They all stand there with their left hands down at their knees, and make faces, and slap each other a few times, and they call that a fight. If Ali hadn't been around, none of that crap would be going on today.

"And that's not to mention all the political stuff. No boxer ever got involved in politics before him. They all kept their mouths shut and went to church on Sunday and that was that. Now we have all these fighters stirring up trouble and naming themselves Sheik Yerbooty or Bhagwan Muhammad Rosenbloom. Enough already!"

Mind you, nobody would dare to challenge Ali's standing as a boxer. Sure, there'll always be a few who will maintain that Louis would have beaten him, or Marciano would have, or Jack Johnson. But no sensible person would rank him lower than, say, fifth on the all-time list of heavyweights. Ali's abilities to box, punch, take a punch, pace himself, fight dirty, and whatever else a great fighter needs to be great are no longer in question.

What remains questionable is whether his overall influence on the game, in and out of the ring, was benefi-

cial. Well, maybe not questionable. Not in my mind it isn't, anyway. But the question certainly can be debated.

First of all, let's imagine what would have happened in the heavyweight division if Muhammad Ali had never existed. I'm sure everyone will agree that things would have been very different indeed without him, but let me give you this possible scenario to let you see just *how* different:

Sonny Liston remained the heavyweight champion for many years. He had relatively tough defenses against Eddie Machen and Ernie Terrell; against everyone else he won easily. Each of his defenses was a stinkeroo, both as a fight and from a business standpoint. Liston never got any more likeable; his fights were all too predictable, and interest in the heavyweight division gradually withered away.

In 1968, the aged Liston finally lost the title to Jerry Quarry. Yes, Jerry Quarry. Quarry outboxed and frustrated him for 15 rounds in one of the most boring title bouts in history.

Boxing enjoyed a small renaissance at this point, simply because for once there was a white heavyweight champ. But once everyone had experienced one of Quarry's scintillating performances, gate receipts slid right back downwards.

Joe Frazier took the title from Quarry in 1970. Who cared? He defended it against several nonentities. Who cared? He lost it in 1973 to George Foreman. Who cared?

Joe Bugner succeeded Foreman, winning the title in exactly the same way Quarry won it from Liston. This revitalized British boxing for a year or two; in the States, Bugner's slow-but-sure style simply put everyone to sleep.

There followed a couple of unworthy heavies who each held the title until their first defense. Ron Lyle. Earnie Shavers. Maybe one other guy. Then Larry Holmes. Then Michael Spinks.

And just how interested in boxing do you think you'd be today?

No, Ali didn't turn boxing into a media event. He just got people interested in it. It's not his fault that a bunch of other fighters who didn't have his acting skills tried to put on the same loudmouth act, without a lot of success.

And no, Ali didn't ruin the sport in the ring. He revolutionized it, true. He changed the way fighters use the ring, the way they use the ropes, the way they foul, the way they draw their opponents' leads. A few fighters have tried to imitate his style, without success. A few others have studied it closely, and have learned to use it, or to use something like it that suits their particular abilities. Have these stylistic changes lowered the quality of the fights we see today? Well, there will always be some people who hate to see the new moon for love of the old, but I submit that it's difficult to state that the quality of boxing is uniformly worse than it was 30 years ago, let alone that it's Muhammad Ali's fault.

As for Ali causing trouble by taking unpopular political stands, and maybe encouraging other boxers to do so, all I can say is "Nonsense!" How many political boxers do you see these days, anyway? You may see a few of them spouting pious anti-drug platitudes, but that's as political as they get. Ali may have encouraged the spread of Islam among American blacks, but I can't think that there'd have been much objection if he'd encouraged the spread of Presbyterianism. All Ali did was make it possible for other boxers to take political stands if they want to by proving that even a fighter may have something to say on a serious issue now and then.

Cassius Clay, as Ali was known then, poses (fourth from the right) with the 1960 United States Olympic boxing team. Ali won a gold medal as a light heavyweight.

Okay. So much for debate.

The fact is, I don't have to justify the fact that I always have worshipped Muhammad Ali, and that I always will. I like a lot of things that I'm not supposed to like, like brussels sprouts, Burt Bacharach, cigarettes, cheap brandy, Dan Jenkins novels, and boxing. And I don't care to justify any of those likes. In some cases, maybe I can't. But I can talk about them.

I could intellectualize Muhammad Ali's appeal. But I ain't going to. Instead, I'm going to talk about his magic.

Ali (center) is dwarfed by basketball greats Bill Russell (left) and Kareem Abdul Jabbar, then known as Lew Alcindor.

Like the way he could come right through your radio and fight in your living room. Against Floyd Patterson, George Chuvalo, Cleveland Williams, Ernie Terrell, whomever, you weren't just listening to a couple of announcers describing the action; you could see it, feel it. I saw him smashing

Cleveland Williams to the canvas again and again. I saw him dancing rings around Ernie Terrell, shouting "What's my name? What's my name?" I didn't see it on TV, but I saw it. Ali on the radio was like listening to Robert Frost reading his own poems.

And then there was the way he could make even the most routine fight seem exciting. He didn't have a difficult time against George Chuvalo. Chuvalo was just a pusher with a strong jaw, sort of an early Tex Cobb. Ali just danced and jabbed and won 13 of the 15 rounds.

But that wasn't all there was to it. Ali took it easy in the first couple of rounds, underplaying it like the great actor he was, and let Chuvalo come at him and bully him around, smack him in the belly and dig a few sharp hooks below the belt. Chuvalo took the first round clearly, and maybe won the second. The radio commentators said Ali wasn't getting on track, that he seemed intimidated, overwhelmed. My dad, who didn't have much use for Ali, gave me an arch look and remarked, "I think this guy's gonna take him." I was one of the scaredest nine-year-olds you ever saw.

The third was another close round. Then in the fourth, fifth and sixth, Ali started to dance. He was going faster and faster, Chuvalo slower and slower. My mind's eye saw Ali skipping around, landing every jab, and Chuvalo pressing forward as helpless as a muley bull, puffing and missing and fully aware of his inadequacy. But I knew there were questions about Ali's stamina. He was a five-rounds fighter, the rumor mill said back then. Let a man hit him in the gut a few times, let his legs quit on him, and see what he can do then.

But it didn't happen. The fighters came to the three-quarter pole, and it was Chuvalo who was still fading, Ali who was still going strong. As the bell rang for the end of the 12th, I was able to give my dad a triumphant little smirk. "Still think Chuvalo's going to take him?" My dad shook his head in resignation.

Maybe best of all was the way Ali would come through for you when you were really counting on him. I saw him lose to Leon Spinks, and while I was sick at heart, I wasn't terribly surprised. I knew he was as old as running water. I knew he was only good for 30 seconds each round, and that only for 10 out of the 15. I knew he was in terrible shape, and that he had a terrible attitude. He was ripe for it, I had to admit. He clowned, and he farted around, and even I had Spinks in front when it was all over.

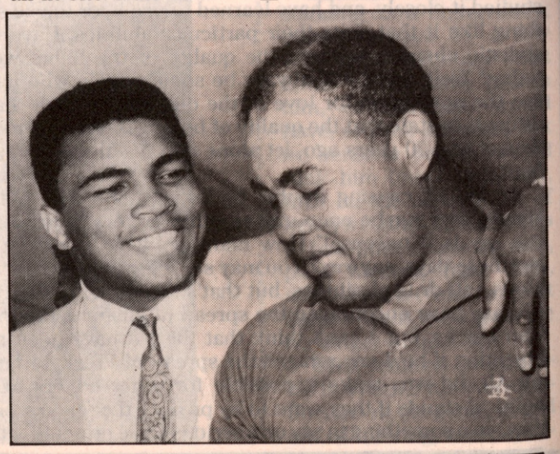
But did I have any doubts about how the rematch would turn out? Would I have had any doubts about it even if Leon Spinks had been living as clean a life as Brooke Shields? Hell no! I still had never actually met Ali in my life, but I knew him. And I knew that he'd be in shape this time, that he'd be able to go 15—maybe only just, but he'd do it—and that he'd dance all night long.

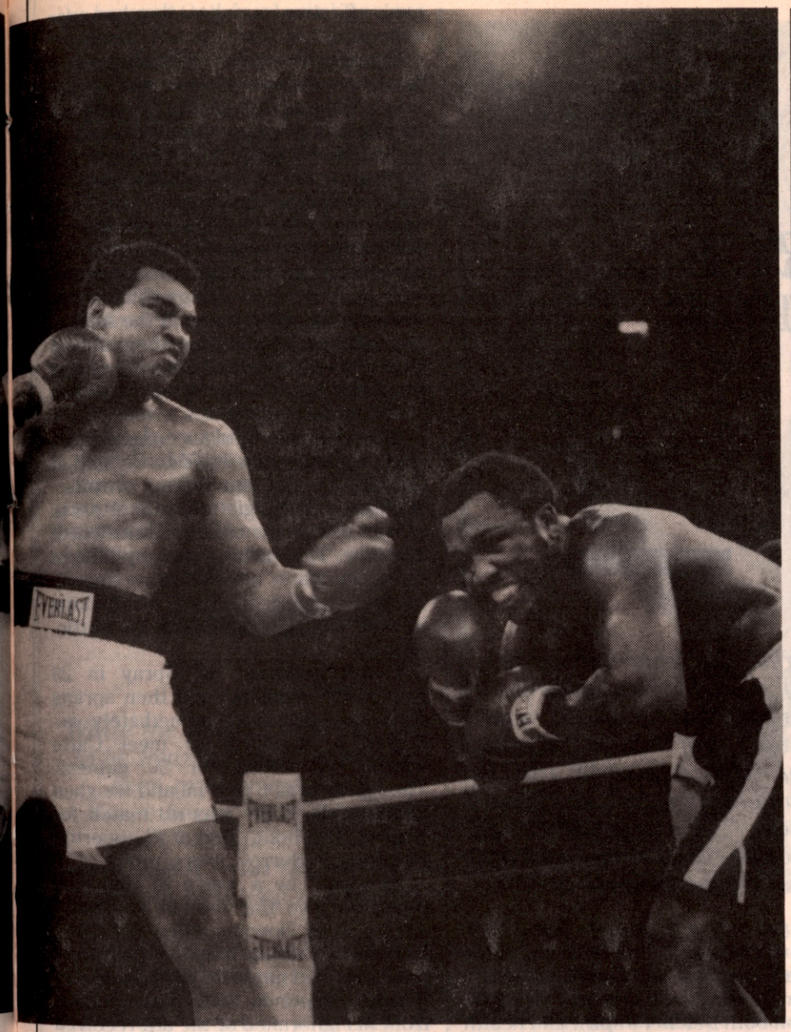
There was no drama in the second Ali-Spinks bout. In fact, if you didn't know what you were watching, it wasn't all that good a fight. It was kind of like watching your favorite big brother graduate from college: a matter of just sitting there, feeling proud, watching a very predictable but very impressive ceremony play itself out, and smiling contentedly to yourself when it was all over. It was the perfect way for Ali to go out: too old, maybe, but not so old that there wasn't a last show in him still.

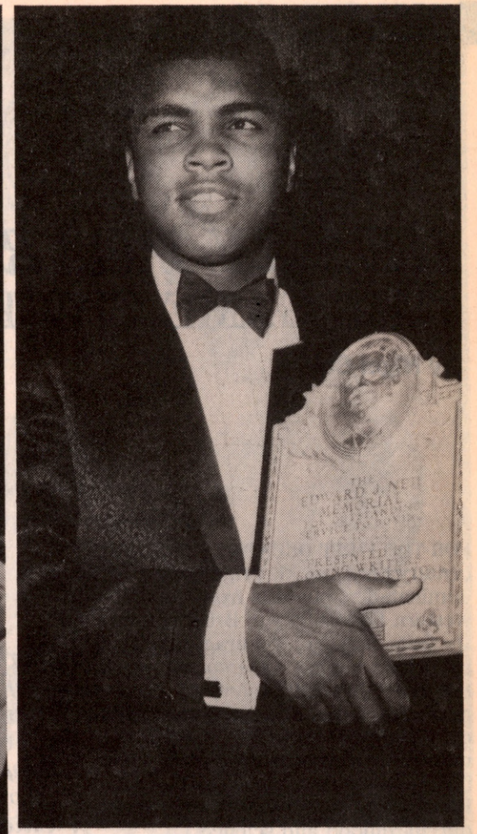
And that's the way I want to remember Ali. I deliberately stayed away from his last two bouts, with Holmes and with Berbick; I have practically blocked the memory of those bouts from my conscious. It's that last Spinks bout that will be with me forever. It was as though I had personally walked up to him and told him I had my entire fortune bet on that fight, and Ali had said, "Don't worry about a thing, kid." Ali's confidence was the kind of thing that would rub off on you.

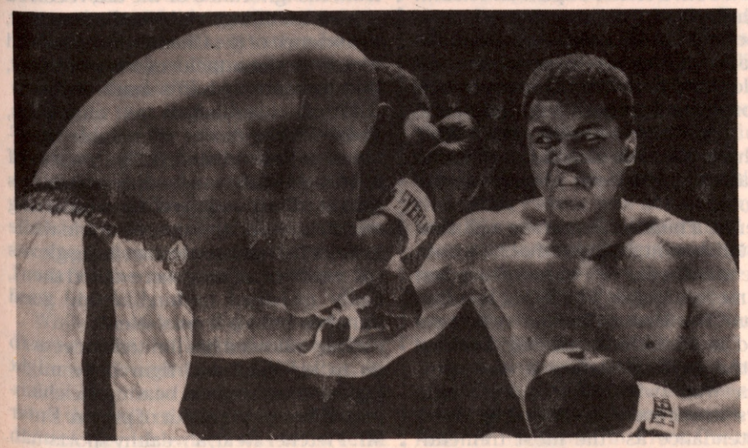
And if you want to talk about a contribution Ali has made, you might talk about that. A few people didn't like him for going around saying, "I Am The Greatest," but that's tough. If he did one thing for society, he gave a few people the confidence to say something like that about themselves, whether they were athletes, mechanics, writers, businessmen, or harpsichord makers. If Ali could say it, we figured, so could we. And some of us did, and some of us actually were.

Well, that may be just a lot of psychobabble. It probably is. But this is not; this is the truth, and the bottom line: Ali gave us pleasure. We saw, and we knew we'd never seen anything like it, and that it was incredible. He was Santa Claus, your best friend and Superman, all in one. Nuff said. □









(Far Left) Two of the greatest fighters of all time: Ali (left) and Joe Louis, taken in 1965 in Las Vegas, Nevada, when Muhammad was training there for his first bout with Floyd Patterson. (Top Left) Ali (left) hooks to Joe Frazier's head on his way to a 12-round decision victory in the second of their trio of bouts. (Left) Ali tears into Ernie Terrell with a right to the head en route to an unanimous 15-round decision before a crowd of 37,321 at the Houston Astrodome, February 6, 1967. (Above) Ali receives the Edward J. Neil award from the Boxing Writers Association of America as 1965's "Fighter of the Year."

HENRY PEARCE ... "THE GAME CHICKEN"

by Nigel Collins

FOR THE FIRST DECADE OF THE 19TH century bareknuckle prizefighting was dominated by pugilists from the southwestern English city of Bristol. In fact, the feats of skill and courage displayed by Bristol boxers were so renowned, the term "He's a Bristol man!" came to mean much more than the geographical location of an individual's birth. It meant that he was, in the words of boxing's leading chronicler of the time, Pierce Egan, a "noble specimen of valour, hardihood and science."

From May 15, 1800 when Bristolian Jem Belcher became the 20th heavyweight champion of the London Prize Ring by defeating Jack Bartholomew in 17 rounds, until May 8, 1808 when then-champion John Gully retired to become an inn-keeper after beating Bob Gregson, three consecutive "Bristol Men" ruled as English, and therefore, world champion.

Sandwiched between Belcher and Gully was the man who beat them both, Henry (Hen) Pearce ... "The Game Chicken."

Born in Bristol in 1777, Pearce stood 5 ft. 9 in. and weighed approximately 175 pounds in his prime. Apprenticed to a tradesman until the age of 21, he first attracted the attention of the local cognoscenti with the remarkable skill he displayed in unofficial sparring matches.

In July of 1803 champion Belcher lost an eye in a freak accident. He was struck in the eye with the ball while playing rackets. The impact was so violent, it almost knocked poor Jem's eyeball clean out of its socket. The unfortunate incident had a depressing effect on both Belcher's spirit and health and he retired from the ring.

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Looking for a successor from his home town, Belcher invited Pearce to London and promised to procure him patronage and a match with Joe Berks, who had claimed the title after Belcher's accident despite the fact he had already lost three previous bouts to Jem.

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Despite Pearce's reputation as a fearsome puncher (his favorite blow was a left under the ear, so terrible in its effects his opponents often seemed to be in a complete state of stupor for several seconds), it was his speed and science that set him apart from most of the fighters of his era. Even the defeated Berks was candid enough to acknowledge he had never before met with such a "rapid antagonist."

Pearce beat Berks again the following year in Wimbledon, then turned back the challenges of Elias Spray and Stephen Carte in March and April of 1805, respectively.

The fight with Spray, a coppersmith, was originally scheduled to be held at Hampton Court, but fearing an interruption by the magistrates, the site was moved across the river to Molesworth Meadow. The ensuing rush by fans to cross the water almost led to tragedy as many experienced a good ducking in their eagerness to reach the battleground.

Pearce polished off Spray in 29 rounds (35 minutes) and then sprang from the ring and immediately accepted a challenge to meet Carte within six weeks for 50 guineas. Though he was 6 ft. 3 in. and weighed 210 pounds, Carte was no match for Pearce. The bout, held at Shepperton Common in Surrey, was a rout.

"It would be a waste of time and paper to give the rounds in detail," wrote Henry Downes Miles in Volume One of *Pugilistica*. "Suffice to observe that after a contest of 35 minutes, in which 25 rounds took place, Carte, from his ignorance of the art, received a terrible milling; while on the contrary, the science of the Chicken so protected him from the attacks of his adversary, that he scarcely had a mark visible."

Firmly established as champion, Pearce had run out of suitable opponents until he visited Gully, the son of a Bristol butcher, who was in debtor's prison. They engaged in a sparring match in Gully's jail quarters, and while it was a friendly contest wearing gloves (or mufflers, as they were called then), Gully managed to land a few good punches before it was over.

Gully allowed his limited success to go to his head and figured he might just have a chance at beating the champion if he could get out of prison. Enter Mr. Fletcher Reid, a wealthy sportsman

who secured Gully's release by paying his debts. Though Gully lacked a reputation with the Fancy, a match with Pearce was made when Hen's admirers backed him 600 to 500 guineas.

They met before an immense gathering in Hailsham, a small village in Sussex, on October 8, 1805. Gully proved to be an excellent opponent and though he was finally beaten after one hour and 10 minutes (64 rounds), his reputation was greatly enhanced by his splendid showing.

Meanwhile, the one-eyed Belcher had become rather jealous of his protege's success. Finally, the ex-champ could no longer tolerate suffering on the sidelines, and against the advice of his friends, rashly challenged Pearce to fight for 500 guineas.

Pearce was caught in a no-win situation. He really didn't want to fight his benefactor, but there was no way he could honorably refuse the challenge

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short of relinquishing the title. They clashed on December 6, 1805 near Doncaster, and after a lively contest, Pearce was victorious when Belcher resigned after 35 minutes (18 rounds).

Though Pearce was greatly admired for his fighting ability and courage, it was his wonderful sense of fair play and honor that made him such a hero. Twice during his match with Belcher, Hen had Jem helpless on the ropes, but refused to strike what could have been the finishing blow. Instead, he merely cocked his fist to show he was in position to end matters and said, "No, Jem, I won't take advantage of thee! No, least I hurt thy other eye!"

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Rescuing fair damsels in distress almost became a habit with Pearce. Shortly after saving the girl from the fire, he was walking over Clifton Downs, near Bristol, when he saw three men attacking a young woman. "The Game Chicken" instantly intervened and thrashed the bullies.

Alas, despite the fame and title of champion, Pearce was not a happy fellow. His marriage fell apart and Hen soon fell on hard times. Good natured and generous to a fault, Pearce was also fond of strong drink, and according to Egan, "poured down copious libation at the shrine of Baccuss."

By February of 1809, Pearce was a physical wreck and in dire need of funds. A benefit sparring session was held on his behalf in Fives Court. He was by then a victim of pulmonary consumption and was unable to walk without the help of his friends.

"The Game Chicken" died at the Coach and Horse in St. Martin's Lane on Sunday, April 30, 1809. He was courageous 'til the end and expressed a wish to die in friendship with all mankind. He was only 32 years old at the time of his death.

Because of the passage of time and the obvious lack of motion pictures, it is difficult to judge exactly how great a fighter Hen Pearce really was. But perhaps these final lines from Pierce Egan give us a rough idea of how well thought of "The Game Chicken" was during his meteoric, undefeated career:

"If ever greatness of soul raised the character of man, or humanity shone resplendent in the breast of a human being—a purer claim to those inestimable qualities was never witnessed, than that of Henry Pearce." □

THE RING
BOXING HALL OF FAME DIRECTORY

A Complete Listing Of Every Member

LEGEND:

TB—TOTAL BOUTS
KO—KNOCKED OUT OPPONENT
WD—WON BY DECISION
WF—WON BY FOUL
D—DRAW
LD—LOST BY DECISION
LF—LOST BY FOUL
KOBY—LOST BY KNOCKOUT
ND—NO DECISION
NO—NO CONTEST

AARON, BARNEY (YOUNG) — Pioneer Group
Career: 1856-1867 — *Elected 1967*

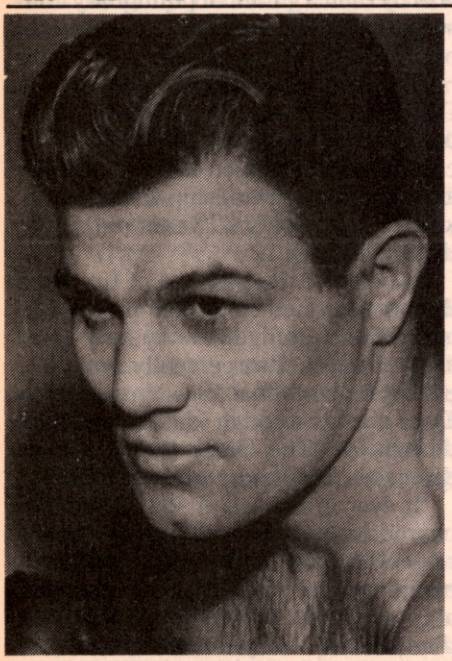
TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
6	0	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0

AMBERS, LOU — Modern Group
Career: 1932-1941 — *Elected 1964*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
102	29	59	0	6	6	0	2	0	0

ANGOTT, SAMMY — Modern Group
Career: 1935-1950 — *Elected 1973*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
125	22	72	0	8	22	0	1	0	0



Sammy Angott

APOSTOLI, FRED — Modern Group
Career: 1934-1948 — *Elected 1978*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
72	31	30	30	1	6	0	4	0	0

ARMSTRONG, HENRY — Modern Group
Career: 1931-1945 — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
174	98	47	0	9	17	1	2	0	0

ATTELL, ABE — Old-Timers
Career: 1900-1913 — *Elected 1955*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
165	51	40	1	18	5	0	5	45	0

BAER, MAX — Modern Group
Career: 1929-1942 — *Elected 1968*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
83	52	18	0	0	8	2	3	0	0

BASILIO, CARMEN — Modern Group
Career: 1948-1961 — *Elected 1969*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
79	27	29	0	7	14	0	2	0	0

BERG, JACKIE KID — Modern Group
Career: 1924-1945 — *Elected 1975*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
192	57	87	13	9	18	0	8	0	

BERLENBACH, PAUL — Old-Timers
Career: 1923-1933 — *Elected 1971*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
50	30	7	0	3	4	0	4	1	1

BRADDOCK, JAMES J. — Modern Group
Career: 1926-1938 — *Elected 1964*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
86	27	19	0	4	20	1	2	11	2

BRITT, JIMMY — Old-Timers
Career: 1902-1909 — *Elected 1976*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
23	3	10	0	1	1	2	4	2	0

BRITTON, JACK — Modern Group
Career: 1905-1930 — *Elected 1960*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
325	21	77	1	20	25	2	1	177	1

BROUGHTON, JACK — Pioneer Group
Career: 1729-1750 — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC

Record Not Available

BROWN, PANAMA AL — Old-Timers
Career: 1922-1942 — *Elected 1985*

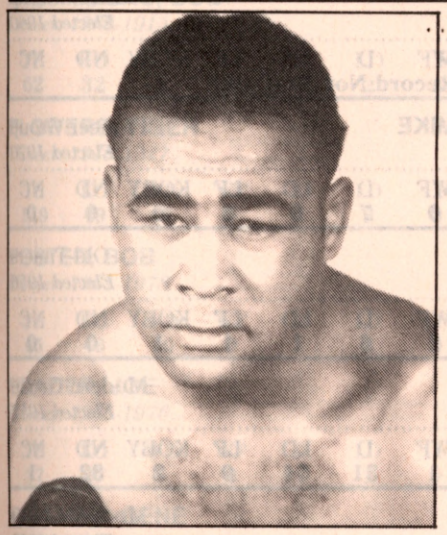
TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
155	55	66	4	10	18	2	0	0	0

BURKE, JAMES (DEAF) — Pioneer Group
Career: 1828-1843 — *Elected 1966*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
20	0	15	0	1	1	1	0	2	0

BURLEY, CHARLEY — Old-Timers
Career: 1937-1950 — *Elected 1983*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
89	44	30	0	2	12	0	0	0	1



Charley Burley

BURNS, TOMMY — Old-Timers
Career: 1900-1920 — *Elected 1960*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
60	36	10	0	8	3	0	2	1	0

CANZONERI, TONY — Modern Group
Career: 1925-1939 — *Elected 1956*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
176	44	95	0	10	22	1	1	3	0

CARPENTIER, GEORGES — Old-Timers
Career: 1908-1926 — *Elected 1964*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
109	56	28	4	6	4	2	8	1	0

CERDAN, MARCEL — Modern Group
Career: 1934-1949 — *Elected 1962*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
115	66	45	0	0	1	2	1	0	0

CHAMBERS, ARTHUR — Pioneer Group
Career: 1864-1879 — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
14	9	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0

CHANDLER, TOM — Pioneer Group
Career: 1862-1867 — *Elected 1972*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
4	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

CHANEY, GEORGE K.O. — Old-Timers
Career: 1910-1925 — *Elected 1974*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
181	86	23	0	0	3	6	8	55	0

CHARLES, EZZARD — Modern Group
Career: 1940-1959 — *Elected 1970*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
122	58	38	0	1	17	1	7	0	0

George Chaney

CHOCOLATE, KID — Modern Group
Career: 1928-1938 — *Elected 1959*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
148	59	82	0	6	8	0	2	0	0

CHOYNSKI, JOE — Old-Timers
Career: 1888-1904 — *Elected 1959*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
79	55	22	3	6	4	0	10	8	1

CLARK, NOBBY — Pioneer Group
Career: 1860-1869 — *Elected 1971*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
7	4	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0

COLLYER, SAM — Pioneer Group
Career: 1866-1892 — *Elected 1964*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
15	0	9	0	1	4	0	1	0	0

CONN, BILLY — Modern Group
Career: 1935-1948 — *Elected 1965*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
75	14	49	0	1	9	0	2	0	2

CORBETT, JAMES J. — Old-Timers
Career: 1886-1903 — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
19	7	4	0	2	0	1	3	0	2

CORBETT, YOUNG II — Old-Timers
Career: 1897-1910 — *Elected 1965*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
101	41	12	0	10	4	0	11	23	0

COULON, JOHNNY — Old-Timers
Career: 1904-1920 — *Elected 1965*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
97	24	32	0	4	2	0	2	32	1

CRIBB, TOM — Pioneer Group
Career: 1805-1820 — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
11	0	10	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

CURTIS, DICK — Pioneer Group
Career: 1820-1828 — *Elected 1974*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
18	2	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DARCY, LES — Old-Timers
Career: 1910-1916 — *Elected 1957*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
50	29	16	1	0	2	2	0	0	0

DELANEY, JACK — Old-Timers
Career: 1919-1932 — *Elected 1973*

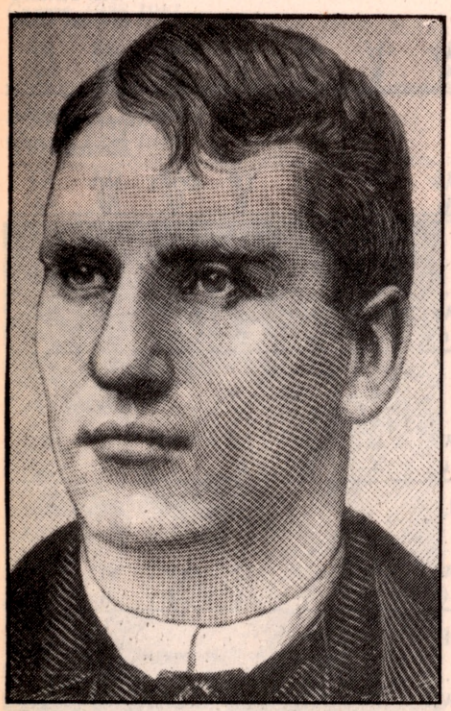
TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
86	42	27	1	3	7	0	3	2	1

DEMPSEY, JACK — Modern Group
Career: 1914-1927 — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
78	49	12	1	10	5	0	1	0	0

DEMPSEY, JACK (NONPAREIL) — Old-Timers
Career: 1883-1895 — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
68	8	42	0	12	1	0	2	3	0



Jack "The Nonpareil" Dempsey

DILLON, JACK — Old-Timers
Career: 1908-1923 — *Elected 1959*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
240	60	32	0	14	6	0	0	127	1

DIXON, GEORGE — Old-Timers
Career: 1886-1906 — *Elected 1956*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
130	27	21	1	42	20	1	6	7	5

DONNELLY, DAN — Pioneer Group
Career: 1815-1819 — *Elected 1960*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC

Record Not Available

DONOVAN, PROF. MIKE — Pioneer Group
Career: 1866-1891 — *Elected 1970*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
33	2	22	0	7	0	2	0	0	0

DRISCOLL, JEM — Old-Timers
Career: 1909-1919 — *Elected 1956*

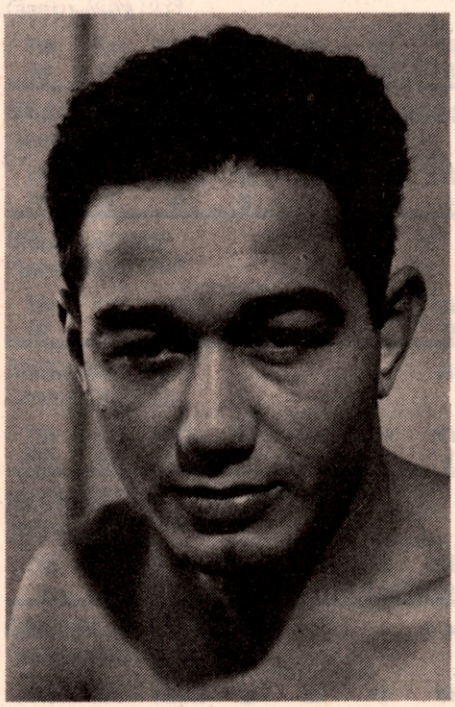
TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
69	35	23	2	6	1	1	1	0	0

DUNDEE, JOHNNY — Modern Group
Career: 1910-1932 — *Elected 1957*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
330	22	187	1	31	54	0	2	32	1

ESCOBAR, SIXTO — Modern Group
Career: 1930-1940 — *Elected 1975*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
64	21	21	0	4	18	0	0	0	0



Sixto Escobar

FIELDS, JACKIE — Old-Timers
Career: 1924-1933 — *Elected 1977*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
86	29	42	1	2	8	0	1	2	1

FIGG, JAMES — Pioneer Group
Career: 1719-1730 — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC

Record Not Available

FITZSIMMONS, BOB — Old-Timers
Career: 1889-1914 — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
62	32	8	0	0	2	1	8	10	1

FLOWERS, TIGER — Old-Timers
Career: 1918-1927 — *Elected 1971*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
149	49	61	5	6	3	2	8	14	1

FOSTER, BOB — Modern Group
Career: 1961-1978 — *Elected 1983*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
65	46	10	0	1	2	0	6	0	0

FRAZIER, JOE — Modern Group
Career: 1965-1976 — *Elected 1980*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
37	27	5	0	1	1	0	3	0	0

FULLMER, GENE — Modern Group
Career: 1951-1963 — *Elected 1974*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
64	24	31	0	3	4	0	2	0	0

GANS, JOE — Old-Timers
Career: 1891-1909 — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
156	55	60	5	10	3	0	2	0	0

GARCIA, CEFERINO — Modern Group
Career: 1927-1945 — *Elected 1977*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
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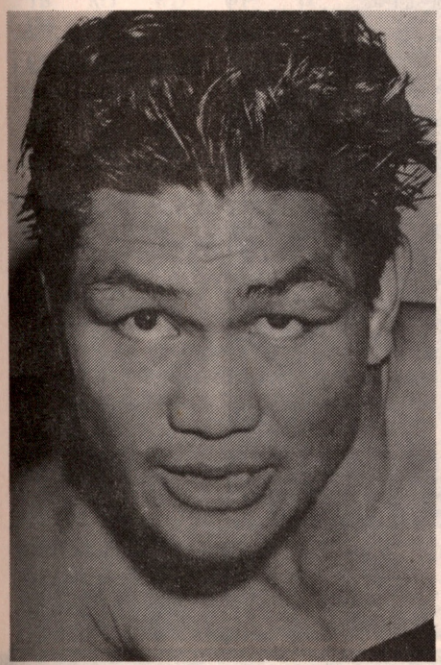


Ceferino Garcia

GAVILAN, KID — Modern Group
Career: 1943-1958 — *Elected 1966*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
143	27	79	0	6	30	0	0	0	1

GENARO, FRANKIE — Old-Timers
Career: 1920-1934 — *Elected 1973*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
130	21	58	4	8	13	3	4	19	0

GIBBONS, MIKE — Old-Timers
Career: 1908-1920 — *Elected 1958*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
114	35	18	1	4	2	0	0	54	0

GIBBONS, TOM — Old-Timers
Career: 1911-1925 — *Elected 1963*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
106	47	10	0	1	2	1	1	43	1

GOSS, JOE — Pioneer Group
Career: 1859-1881 — *Elected 1969*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
15	1	5	2	2	4	0	1	0	0

GRAZIANO, ROCKY — Modern Group
Career: 1942-1952 — *Elected 1971*

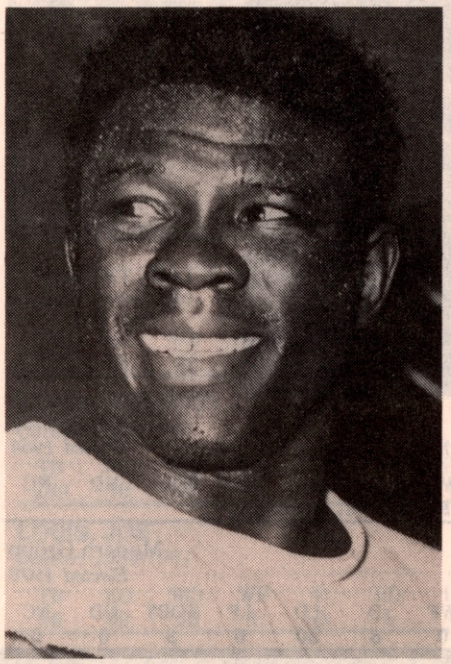
TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
83	52	14	1	6	7	0	3	0	0

GREB, HARRY — Modern Group
Career: 1913-1926 — *Elected 1955*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
294	47	64	1	3	5	1	2	170	1

GRIFFITH, EMILE — Modern Group
Career: 1958-1977 — *Elected 1981*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
112	23	62	0	2	21	1	2	0	1



Emile Griffith

GRIFFO, YOUNG — Old-Timers
Career: 1886-1911 — *Elected 1981*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
173	20	45	4	43	5	0	7	48	1

GULLY, JOHN — Pioneer Group
Career: 1805-1809 — *Elected 1959*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC

Record Not Available

HEENAN, JOHN C. — Pioneer Group
Career: 1860-1863 — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC

Record Not Available

HERMAN, PETE — Old-Timers
Career: 1912-1922 — *Elected 1959*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
149	19	50	0	8	9	1	1	61	0

HOUCK, LEO — Old-Timers
Career: 1902-1926 — *Elected 1969*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
212	21	136	0	11	9	1	0	34	0

HYER, JACOB — Pioneer Group
Career: 1816 (Est.) — *Elected 1968*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC

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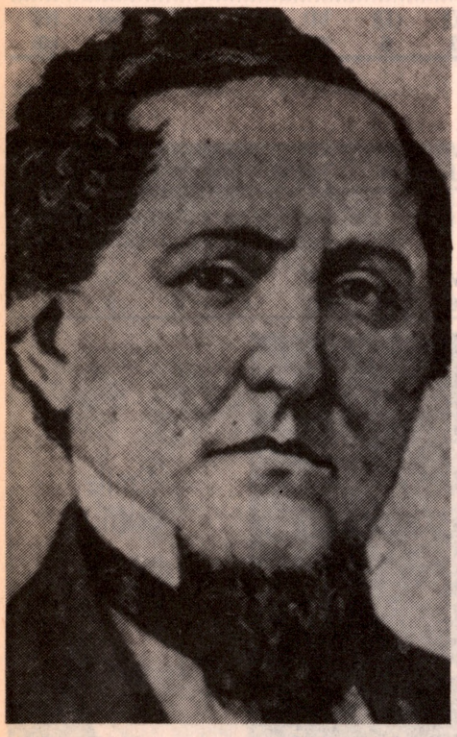


Jacob Hyer

HYER, TOM — Pioneer Group
Career: 1841-1849 (Est.) — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC

Record Not Available

JACK, BEAU — Modern Group
Career: 1940-1955 — *Elected 1972*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
111	40	43	0	5	20	0	3	0	0

JACKLING, THOMAS — Pioneer Group
Career: 1783-1791 — *Elected 1985*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
11	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

JACKSON, GENTLEMAN JOHN — Pioneer Group
Career: 1788-1795 (Est.) — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC

Record Not Available

JACKSON, PETER — Pioneer Group
Career: 1883-1899 — *Elected 1957*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
27	12	5	1	4	0	0	3	1	1

JEANETTE, JOE — Old-Timers
Career: 1904-1919 — *Elected 1967*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
156	58	12	3	10	8	0	1	64	0

JEFFRA, HARRY — Old-Timers
Career: 1933-1950 — *Elected 1982*

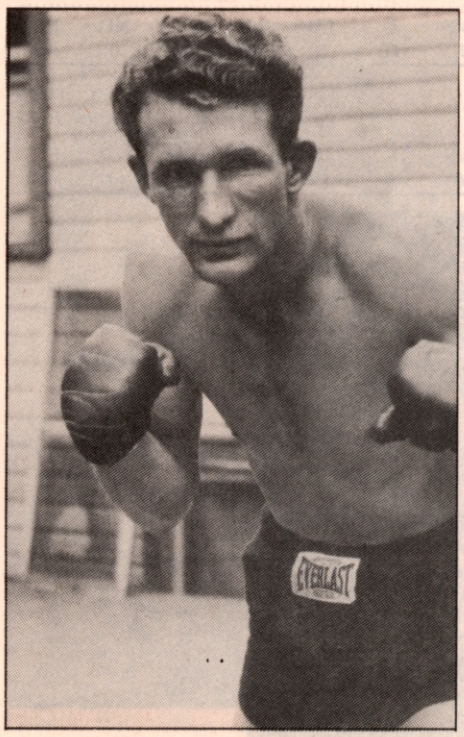
TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
122	28	66	0	7	18	0	2	0	1

JEFFRIES, JAMES J. — Old-Timers
Career: 1896-1910 — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
21	15	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	0

JENKINS, LEW — Modern Group
Career: 1934-1950 — *Elected 1976*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
109	47	18	0	5	27	0	12	0	0



Lew Jenkins

JOFRE, EDER — Modern Group
Career: 1958-1975 — *Elected 1986*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
78	50	22	0	4	2	0	0	0	0

JOHNSON, JACK — Old-Timers
Career: 1897-1928 — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
112	45	29	4	12	2	1	5	14	0

KETCHEL, STANLEY — Old-Timers
Career: 1903-1918 — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
61	46	3	0	4	2	0	2	4	0

KID, THE DIXIE — Old-Timers
Career: 1899-1914 — *Elected 1975*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
126	63	13	2	6	13	2	3	23	1

KILBANE, JOHNNY — Old-Timers
Career: 1907-1923 — *Elected 1960*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
141	24	70	1	12	11	0	2	20	1

KILRAIN, JAKE — Pioneer Group
Career: 1883-1898 — *Elected 1965*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
36	3	15	0	12	2	0	2	1	0

KING, TOM — Pioneer Group
Career: 1860-1863 — *Elected 1976*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
5	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

KLAUS, FRANK — Old-Timers
Career: 1860-1863 — *Elected 1976*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
90	27	20	4	2	2	0	2	33	0

LABARBA, FIDEL — Old-Timers
Career: 1924-1933 — *Elected 1972*

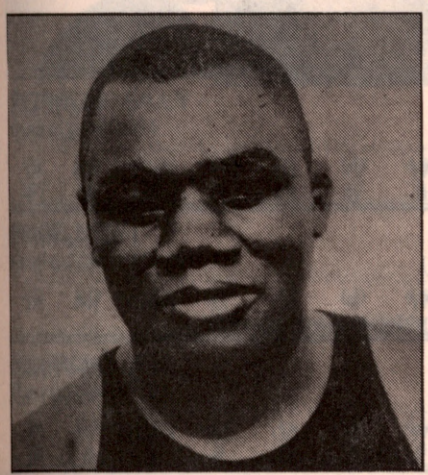
TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
94	15	54	0	7	15	0	0	3	0

LAMOTTA, JAKE — Old-Timers
Career: 1941-1954 — *Elected 1985*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
106	30	53	0	4	15	0	4	0	0

LANGFORD, SAM — Old-Timers
Career: 1902-1924 — *Elected 1955*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
254	102	36	1	31	20	0	5	58	1



Sam Langford

LANGHAM, NAT — Pioneer Group
Career: 1842-1857 — *Elected 1986*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
10	8	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0

LAVIGNE, GEORGE (KID) — Old-Timers
Career: 1885-1910 — *Elected 1959*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
56	16	19	0	8	4	0	2	7	0

LEONARD, BENNY — Modern Group
Career: 1911-1932 — *Elected 1955*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
210	71	18	0	1	0	1	4	115	0

LESNEVICH, GUS — Modern Group
Career: 1934-1949 — *Elected 1973*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
79	23	37	0	5	9	0	5	0	0

Gus Lesnevich

LEVINSKY, BATTLING — Old-Timers
Career: 1910-1929 — *Elected 1966*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
274	23	42	1	13	13	2	4	176	0

LEWIS, TED (KID) — Old-Timers
Career: 1909-1929 — *Elected 1964*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
280	70	97	3	13	19	5	7	66	0

LOUIS, JOE — Modern Group
Career: 1934-1951 — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
66	49	13	1	0	1	0	2	0	0

LYNCH, BENNY — Old-Timers
Career: 1931-1938 — *Elected 1986*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
122	34	55	1	17	13	1	1	0	0

MCAULIFFE, JACK — Old-Timers
Career: 1884-1914 — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
53	9	32	0	0	0	0	0	3	0

MCCOY, CHARLES (KID) — Old-Timers
Career: 1891-1916 — *Elected 1957*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
105	55	24	2	6	2	0	4	9	3

MCFARLAND, PACKEY — Old-Timers
Career: 1904-1915 — *Elected 1957*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
104	47	17	0	5	0	0	1	34	0

MCGOVERN, TERRY — Old-Timers
Career: 1897-1908 — *Elected 1955*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
78	42	23	1	6	3	1	2	0	0

MCLARNIN, JIMMY — Modern Group
Career: 1923-1936 — *Elected 1956*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
77	20	42	1	3	10	0	1	0	0

MCVEY, SAM — Old-Timers
Career: 1902-1921 — *Elected 1986*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
92	46	16	1	12	9	0	6	0	2

MACE, JEM — Pioneer Group
Career: 1855-1890 — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
19	0	12	0	2	3	0	0	1	1

Jem Mace

MAHER, PETER — Old-Timers
Career: 1888-1908 — *Elected 1978*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
77	31	13	3	5	0	0	15	10	0

MARCIANO, ROCKY — Modern Group
Career: 1947-1955 — *Elected 1959*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
49	43	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

MAXIM, JOEY — Modern Group
Career: 1941-1959 — *Elected 1975*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
115	21	61	0	4	27	1	1	0	0

MENDOZA, DANIEL — Pioneer Group
Career: 1787-1820 (Est.) — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
10	0	7	0	0	2	0	1	0	0

MITCHELL, CHARLEY — Old-Timers
Career: 1878-1894 — *Elected 1957*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
27	0	13	0	11	2	0	1	0	0

MOLINEAUX, TOM — Pioneer Group
Career: 1810-1815 — *Elected 1958*

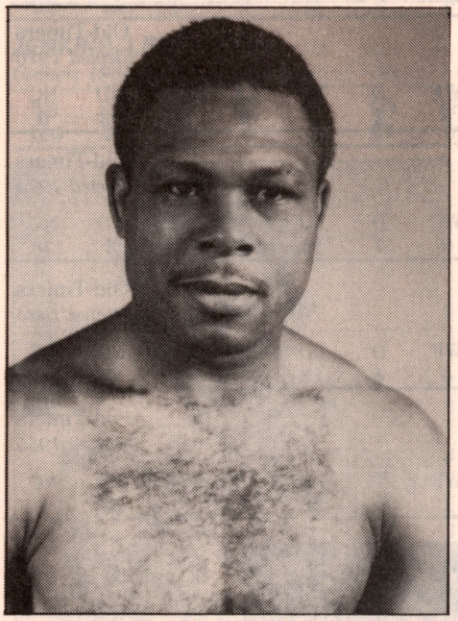
TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
7	0	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	0

MONZON, CARLOS — Modern Group
Career: 1963-1977 — *Elected 1983*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
102	61	28	0	9	3	0	0	0	1

MOORE, ARCHIE — Modern Group
Career: 1936-1965 — *Elected 1966*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
234	145	54	0	8	17	2	7	0	1



Archie Moore

MORAN, OWEN — Old-Timers
Career: 1900-1916 — *Elected 1965*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
106	25	37	0	6	10	5	2	21	0

MORRISSEY, JOHN — Pioneer Group
Career: 1852-1858 (Est.) — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC

Record Not Available

NAPOLES, JOSE — Modern Group
Career: 1958-1975 — *Elected 1985*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
84	54	22	1	0	3	0	4	0	0

NELSON, BATTLING — Old-Timers
Career: 1896-1923 — *Elected 1957*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
132	38	20	1	19	15	2	2	35	0

O'BRIEN, PHILADELPHIA JACK — Old-Timers
Career: 1896-1912 — *Elected 1968*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
181	36	59	6	16	3	0	4	57	0

ORTIZ, MANUEL — Old-Timers
Career: 1938-1955 — *Elected 1985*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
127	49	46	0	3	28	0	1	0	0

PAPKE, BILLY — Old-Timers
Career: 1905-1919 — *Elected 1972*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
64	30	7	1	7	6	2	1	10	0

PATTERSON, FLOYD — Modern Group
Career: 1952-1972 — *Elected 1976*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
64	40	15	0	1	3	0	5	0	0

PEP, WILLIE — Modern Group
Career: 1940-1966 — *Elected 1963*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
242	65	165	0	1	5	0	6	0	0

PEREZ, PASCUAL — Modern Group
Career: 1952-1963 — *Elected 1977*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
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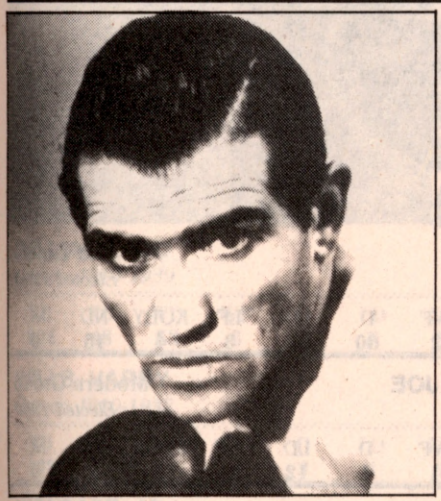


Pascual Perez

PETROLLE, BILLY — Modern Group
Career: 1924-1934 — *Elected 1962*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
157	63	22	4	10	17	0	3	37	1

PRICE, NED — Pioneer Group
Career: 1855-1859 (Est.) — *Elected 1962*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC

Record Not Available

RICHMOND, BILL — Pioneer Group
Career: 1804-1818 — *Elected 1956*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
12	3	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

RITCHIE, WILLIE — Old-Timers
Career: 1907-1927 — *Elected 1962*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
71	8	27	1	4	8	0	1	22	0

ROBINSON, SUGAR RAY — Modern Group
Career: 1940-1965 — *Elected 1967*

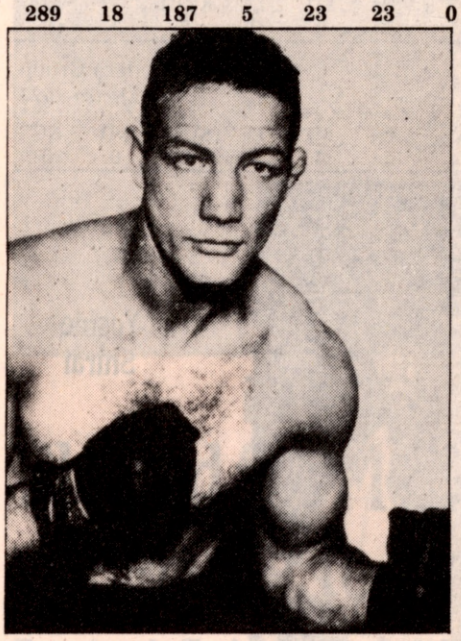
TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
201	109	65	0	6	18	0	1	1	1

ROOT, JACK — Old-Timers
Career: 1897-1906 — *Elected 1961*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
53	24	17	3	5	0	0	3	1	0

ROSENBLOOM, MAXIE — Modern Group
Career: 1923-1939 — *Elected 1972*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
289	18	187	5	23	23	0	2	19	2



Maxie Rosenbloom

ROSS, BARNEY — Modern Group
Career: 1929-1938 — *Elected 1956*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
81	22	51	0	3	4	0	0	1	0

RYAN PADDY — Pioneer Group
Career: 1880-1886 (Est.) — *Elected 1973*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC

Record Not Available

RYAN, TOMMY — Old-Timers
Career: 1887-1907 — *Elected 1958*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
109	68	17	1	5	1	1	1	6	9

SADDLER, SANDY — Modern Group
Career: 1944-1956 — *Elected 1971*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
162	103	41	0	2	14	1	1	0	0

SAM, YOUNG DUTCH — Pioneer Group
Career: 1825-1838 (Est.) — *Elected 1975*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
11	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SAYERS, TOM — Pioneer Group
Career: 1849-1860 (Est.) — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
16	0	12	0	3	1	0	0	0	0

SCHMELING, MAX — Modern Group
Career: 1924-1948 — *Elected 1970*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
70	38	15	3	4	5	0	5	0	0

SHARKEY, JACK — Old-Timers
Career: 1924-1936 — *Elected 1980*

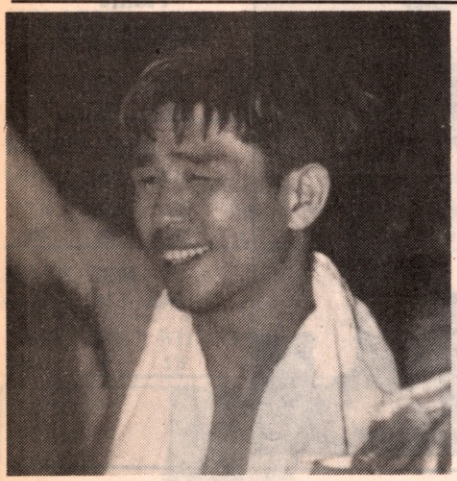
TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
55	14	21	3	3	8	1	4	1	0

SHARKEY, TOM — Old-Timers
Career: 1893-1923 — *Elected 1959*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
54	37	1	2	5	3	1	2	3	0

SHIRAI, YOSHIO — Modern Group
Career: 1943-1955 — *Elected 1977*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
56	20	25	1	2	4	1	3	0	0



Yoshio Shirai

SMITH, JEFF — Old-Timers
Career: 1910-1927 — *Elected 1969*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
178	50	46	3	3	7	1	1	65	2

SPRING, TOM — Pioneer Group
Career: 1814-1824 — *Elected 1961*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
12		11	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

STRIBLING, YOUNG — Old-Timers
Career: 1921-1933 — *Elected 1985*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
286	126	93	3	14	9	2	1	36	2

SULLIVAN, JOHN L. — Old-Timers
Career: 1878-1905 — *Elected 1954*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
42	33	5	0	3	0	0	1	0	0

TAYLOR, CHARLES (BUD) — Old-Timers
Career: 1920-1931 — *Elected 1986*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
161	35	68	1	12	22	3	4	16	0

TENDLER, LEW — Modern Group
Career: 1913-1928 — *Elected 1961*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
168	37	22	0	2	7	3	1	95	1

THOMPSON, WILLIAM (BENDIGO) — Pioneer Group
Career: 1832-1850 — *Elected 1955*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
20	0	15	4	0	0	1	0	0	0

TIGER, DICK — Modern Group
Career: 1952-1970 — *Elected 1974*

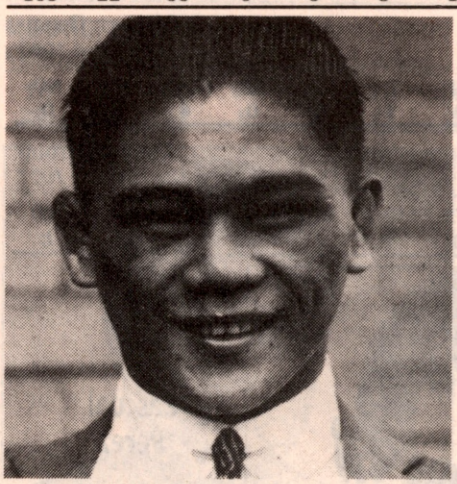
TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
81	26	35	0	3	16	0	1	0	0

TUNNEY, GENE — Modern Group
Career: 1915-1928 — *Elected 1955*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
77	43	21	1	1	2	0	0	8	1

VILLA, PANCHO — Old-Timers
Career: 1919-1925 — *Elected 1961*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
105	22	66	0	5	8	1	0	3	0



Pancho Villa

WALCOTT, JOE — Old-Timers
Career: 1890-1911 — *Elected 1955*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
150	34	45	2	30	17	3	4	15	0

WALCOTT, JERSEY JOE — Modern Group
Career: 1930-1953 — *Elected 1969*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
69	30	19	1	1	12	0	6	0	0

WALKER, MICKEY — Modern Group
Career: 1919-1939 — *Elected 1955*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
163	61	33	0	4	11	3	5	45	1

WARD, JEM — Pioneer Group
Career: 1822-1831 (Est.) — *Elected 1963*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC

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WELSH, FREDDIE — Old-Timers
Career: 1905-1922 — *Elected 1960*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
167	24	50	3	7	3	0	1	79	0

WILDE, JIMMY — Old-Timers
Career: 1910-1923 — *Elected 1959*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
153	101	30	1	2	3	0	3	13	0

WILLARD, JESS — Old-Timers
Career: 1911-1926 — *Elected 1977*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
35	21	3	0	1	2	1	3	4	0

WILLIAMS, IKE — Modern Group
Career: 1940-1955 — *Elected 1978*

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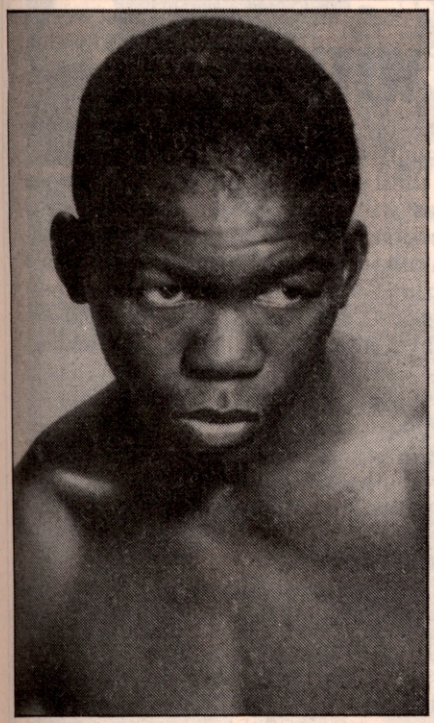

Ike Williams

WILLIAMS, KID — Old-Timers
Career: 1910-1929 — *Elected 1970*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
204	48	53	6	8	8	5	3	73	0

WILLS, HARRY — Old-Timers
Career: 1910-1932 — *Elected 1970*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
102	45	17	0	3	1	3	4	26	3

WOLGAST, AD — Old-Timers
Career: 1906-1920 — *Elected 1958*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
135	38	21	1	14	6	4	2	49	0

WRIGHT, CHALKY — Modern Group
Career: 1929-1948 — *Elected 1976*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
201	74	71	0	16	32	0	7	0	1

ZALE, TONY — Modern Group
Career: 1934-1948 — *Elected 1958*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
87	44	23	0	2	13	0	5	0	0

ZIVIC, FRITZIE — Modern Group
Career: 1931-1949 — *Elected 1972*

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
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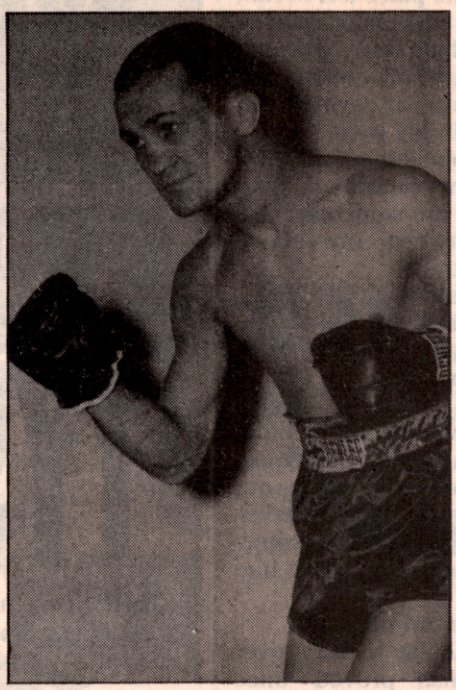

Fritzie Zivic

Elected for Meritorious Service to Boxing

Ray Arcel, Trainer (Elected 1982)

John Chambers, Rules Author (Elected 1986)

Dan Daniel, Writer (Elected 1977)

Arthur Donovan, Referee (Elected 1981)

Nat Fleischer, Editor-Writer (Elected 1975)

Jack Kearns, Manager (Elected 1981)

Lord Lonsdale, Patron (Elected 1985)

Tex Rickard, Promoter (Elected 1980)

Sam Taub, Announcer-Writer (Elected 1978)

SPINKS CLOBBERS COONEY TO SET UP DREAM MATCH WITH TYSON

Ball Now In Tyson's Court Following Spinks' Impressive Showing

by Nigel Collins

DID YOU EVER SEE A CAT TURN THE tables on a dog?

The dog chases and chases until it finally corners the fleeing feline under a bush. Then, with no place left to run, the cat lashes out and rakes the dog across the nose with its claws. Startled by the sudden turn of events, the canine yelps and runs for daylight, the cat hissing insults in his wake.

While Michael Spinks is certainly no kitty cat . . . and I'd never dare call Mike Tyson a dog, there are some parallels to be drawn between the above scenario and the games of one-upmanship currently going on between the management of the pair.

Until Spinks clobbered Gerry Cooney, Butch Lewis, Spinks' promoter and *de facto* manager, was considered semi-crazy for pulling Spinks out of HBO's Heavyweight World Series, and Michael was considered something less than macho for letting him do it.

Now things are a tad different.

With his spectacular victory over Cooney, Spinks has proved—once again—that a (relatively) little guy can beat up a big guy, providing the little guy is a good enough fighter. He's also enhanced the value (to both fighters) of an eventual Spinks-Tyson showdown and given Lewis an opportunity to gleefully proclaim, "Now, I'm a genius."

On the other hand, Tyson's management is suddenly playing hard to get. Co-manager Jim Jacobs testified on behalf of HBO when the cable network went to court earlier this year to try and block the Spinks-Cooney bout. Now, Jacobs and his partner, Bill Cayton, seem to have changed their tune.

When questioned about the possibility of Tyson fighting Spinks in the near future, Jacobs and Cayton have been adamant about sticking to a schedule of bouts which will carry the WBA/WBC heavyweight titleholder well into March of '88. So far, the schedule does not include Spinks.

Tyson's so-called heavyweight unification match with IBF boss Tony Tucker should be history by the time you read this . . . supposedly in Tyson's favor. Next on "Iron Mike's" hit parade is 1984 Olympic gold medalist Tyrell Biggs in mid-October. After that, he has tentative dates in late November/early December and late January. Then, it's off to Japan for seven weeks and a fight in Tokyo's new 65,000 seat domed stadium.

Wow! You can work up a sweat just reading Tyson's dance card. But what about the fight most fans really want to see—Spinks-Tyson?

Many of Tyson's "unbreakable commitments" are lacking one small detail: an opponent. Butch Lewis asked, "Why not just pencil in Michael Spinks' name for one of those dates?" It's a good question, but at this point Jacobs and Cayton are playing their cards close to the vest, claiming they'll get around to Spinks—eventually.

Just how soon eventually comes will probably depend on just how loudly the public clamors for the fight. After the way Spinks creamed Cooney, few would deny Spinks and Tyson make a very attractive match. All we need now is for the games to end and the fight to begin.

Spinks' triumph over Cooney was also a victory for Atlantic City boxing. Though the east coast gambling resort hosts at least one, and often several, pro cards most weeks, these are mainly club fights and middle-of-the-road title bouts. The mega-matches have, until now, usually ended up in Las Vegas.

Until recently, none of A.C.'s casinos was willing to put up the big bucks needed to secure a major championship match. Then, along came Donald Trump, who numbers among his possessions two Atlantic City casinos, untold millions of dollars and a willingness to go head-to-head with Vegas in a bidding war for top-notch bouts. As Trump noted in the official fight program, "Trump Plaza is committed to bringing the biggest and the best world-class events to Atlantic City, not only tonight, but for years to come."

Could this include Tyson-Spinks?

Though Vegas will undoubtedly also try to obtain the match, Lewis thinks it belongs, like the Miss America Pageant, in Atlantic City.

"I like it (Spinks-Tyson) right here," Lewis said. "I like it on the East Coast. We've got the press here. We've got the ink. This needs to be an east coast fight. Thanks to Donald Trump taking a chance, we've proven that you don't have to go to Nevada to put on a big fight."

True, but Butch will have to do better if he's to prove he can promote a *profitable* fight in Atlantic City. While a capacity crowd of 15,732 filled Atlantic City's Convention Hall to witness "The War At The Shore" live, the closed-circuit outlets around the country went belly up. And when ABC-TV aired the fight two weeks later (paired with the Tyson-Pinklon Thomas blowout), the show drew a shabby 6.8 rating, the lowest ever for network boxing in prime time.

Most of the blame for the apparent lack of interest has been laid on Cooney. Many observers feel the general public had given up on "Gentleman Gerry" long before he climbed through the ropes to face Spinks June 15th. However, his downfall has boosted Spinks' stock dramatically. It's hard not to be impressed by the way Michael hammered Cooney into oblivion. Folks who didn't think he had a prayer against Tyson's awesome attack are suddenly begrudgingly admitting they may have sold Spinks a wee bit short.

One guy who never sold Spinks short was Michael, himself. Despite his unassuming, laid-back manner, Spinks is supremely confident of his abilities inside the ring. Oh, he'll be the first to

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Michael Spinks follows through with a left hook as Gerry Cooney sags to the canvas in the fifth round of their bout for the heavyweight championship of the world in Atlantic City.

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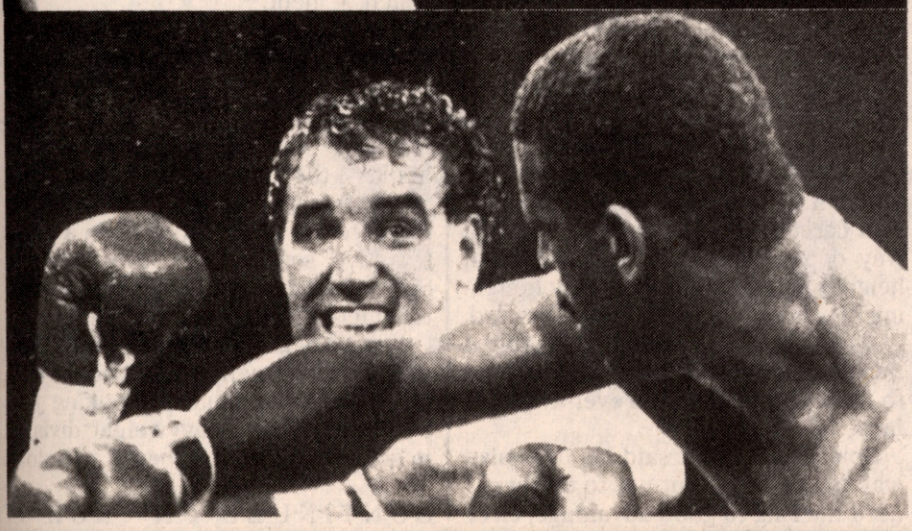
Cooney reels backwards under Spinks' attack in the third round of the "War At The Shore."



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Cooney has a look of desperation in his eyes as Spinks tags him with a right cross. Spinks' handspeed enabled him to outpunch Cooney at practically every turn.

HEAVYWEIGHT ENTERTAINMENT
WITH A LIGHTWEIGHT PUNCH
Frazier Tops Holmes In Tuneup

Former heavyweight champs Larry Holmes (left) and Joe Frazier never faced each other in the ring, but they recently went head-to-head in a slugging songfest at the Sands Hotel/Casino in Atlantic City.

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ—THE Sands Hotel/Casino came up with a novel idea as part of the big Spinks-Cooney weekend. In the main event of the evening, "two former world heavyweight champions battled it out on stage, singing against each other for the undisputed world championship" ... well, that's how the press release read, anyway.

Smokin' Joe Frazier, 236 (who'd dare ask?), Philadelphia, Pa., won a unanimous, 10-song decision over Larry Holmes, 236? (your guess is as good as mine), Easton, Pa., in a nifty musical songfest that somehow managed to avoid the backstage hook for 90 minutes of slippin' and slidin', peepin' and a hidin', bobbin' and a weavin'.

Even though he missed more notes than he hit, Frazier's experience was the key to victory. Decked out in an off-white suit of understated elegance, he alternated his attack with a repertoire that kept the Copa Room crowd on its toes.

Joe and his "Knockouts" pulled some punches, missed a few others, but came through with enough soulful, upbeat and original fare to win the lion's share of the points. What Frazier lacked in enunciation and delivery, he made up for in style and stage generalship. Lyrics, like his jab, are not his strong suit.

After failing to impress the judges with the first of his home-grown maneuvers, Frazier found himself backed into the ropes when he tempted the ridicule of the fans with a leaky imitation of The Temptations. "My Girl" certainly didn't go over with my girl.

However, in Round Three Frazier dazzled the packed house with a blistering rendition of that funky classic "Soul Man," which was his best session of the show.

Joe closed with a furious final round when he diddly bopped to the dressing with his own composition, "I'm Still Smokin'." Never one to dance much, he can still turn up the heat in the clutch . . . jump back ya' bad self. Good God!

Making his musical debut against a relatively seasoned pro left Holmes no choice but to improvise and count on strong corner (backup) work to last the distance.

His band, "The Marmalades," took an early lead in rounds one and two before "The Easton Assassin" attempted to butcher, make that even, the score with a rather enjoyable homemade effort titled "Boxing Politics." Larry, dressed in the tackiest of lounge attire—black tux and a red ruffle shirt—used his reach advantage to jab at the boxing establishment with this tune performed in rap fashion. It was interesting if nothing else, and the judges seemed to be impressed.

In a dance routine, Holmes jabbed his way to an imaginary win over Mike Tyson, but when he took to the keyboards, he was almost floored himself. Back to the gym, champ.

Holmes was in trouble again with a hard-to-swallow rendition of a Stevie Wonder song, then really left himself wide open for a left hook with a sand-in-the-throat vocal version of "Under The Boardwalk."

Despite his setbacks, Holmes stayed in the hunt with heart and nifty corner work by his musicians and a talented backup trio, which nearly stole the duke. At one point, poor Larry was flat on his back begging for forgiveness during "Ain't Too Proud To Beg." What a sight! No count was given as it was ruled a slip.

My table companions (ABC-TV's Bob Yalen and Denise and Blanche Haley) had Frazier winning by a wide margin. *The Ring* scorecard read 96-94, also for Smokin' Joe. Nobody demanded a recount ... or a rematch.

Promoter: Sands Hotel Casino.

Matchmaker: The Sands' public relations department.

(6-13-87)

JACK OBERMAYER

admit he's not always exactly sure how he's going to win. Only, that he will, somehow, win.

Though some among the rowdy gathering inside Convention Hall supported Spinks, the majority were in Cooney's corner before the first bell sounded. There were also enough celebrities (Rev. Jesse Jackson, Don Johnson, John Madden and Speaker of the House Jim Wright, etc.) sprinkled around to give a decent imitation of a Las Vegas style fight-night.

Cooney, a fairly svelte 238, looked very imposing until the fight started. At 6 foot 7 inches, he towered over the 6 foot 2 inch champion, who came in at a career-high 208. But Gerry has a way of negating much of his natural height and reach advantage by hunching his shoulders and leaning forward. It was not long before Spinks found the range for his left jab and proceeded to slam it into Cooney's ever-available face.

Spinks, who later said his fight plan was "to be there, but not to be there," used the ring to good advantage, circling away from Cooney's potent left hook. As the first round drew to a close, Spinks stepped in with several quick rights to the head. It had been a close, tentative session for both men, but Spinks had discovered one very important fact—Cooney was very easy to hit!

Spinks began to open up in the second. He continually stung Cooney with one of the most hurtful-looking jabs I've seen in the heavyweight division in some time. He also began to unload

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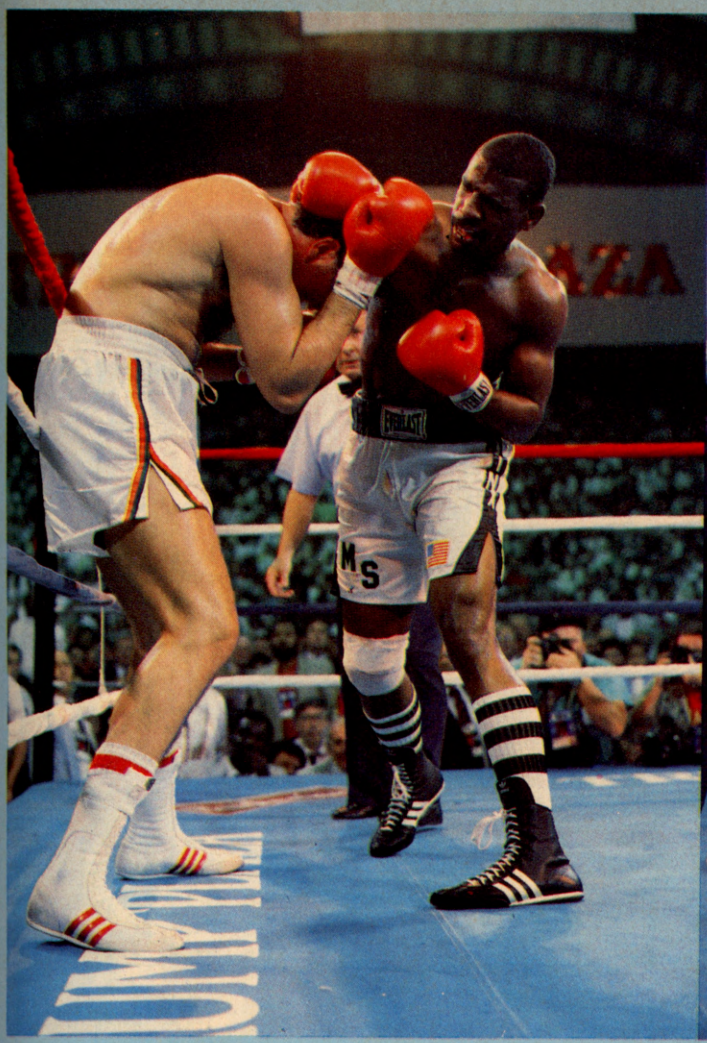

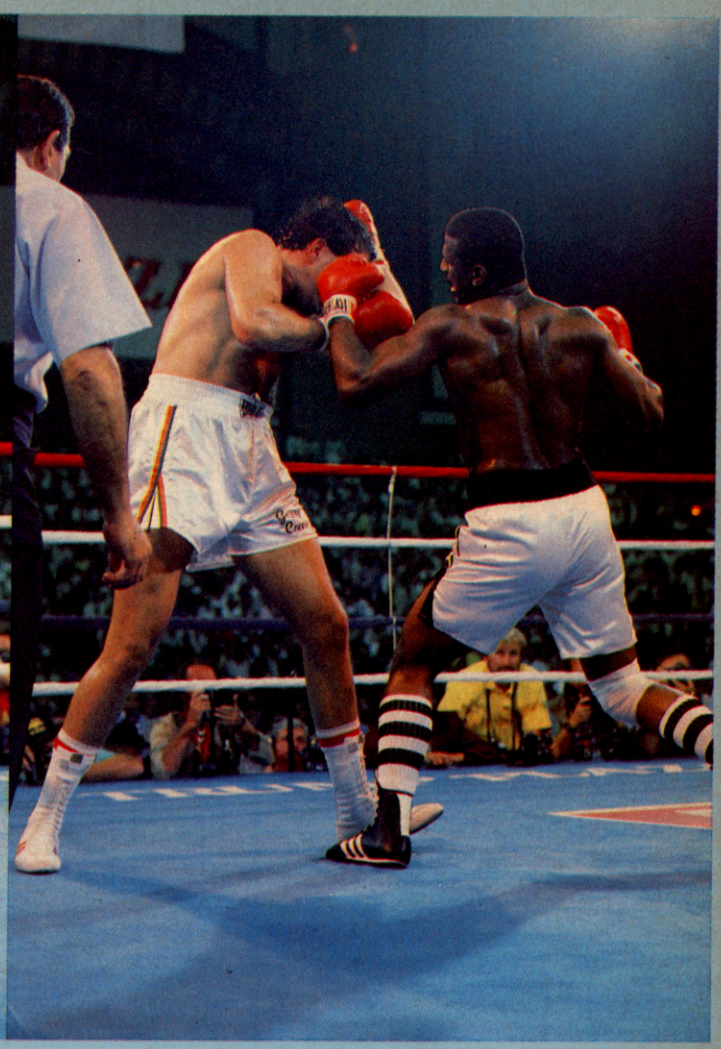

THE WAR AT THE SHORE

photos by Will Hart

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(No Weight Limit)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1. **Mike Tyson** ..... Catskill, N.Y.
2. **Evander Holyfield** ..... Atlanta, Ga.
3. **James Smith** ..... Magnolia, N.C.
4. **Pinklon Thomas** ..... Wyandotte, Mich.
5. **Tim Witherspoon** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6. **Tyrell Biggs** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7. **Tony Tucker** ..... Grand Rapids, Mich.
8. **Trevor Berbick** ..... Canada
9. **Carl Williams** ..... New York
10. **Jose Ribalta** ..... Miami, Fla.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Bobby Czyz** ..... Wanaque, N.J.
2. **Leslie Stewart** ..... Trinidad
3. **Thomas Hearns** ..... Detroit, Mich.
4. **Marvin Johnson** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
5. **Dennis Andries** ..... England
6. **Virgil Hill** ..... Grand Forks, N.D.
7. **Ramzi Hassan** ..... Campo, California
8. **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
9. **Chong-Pal Park** ..... Korea
10. **Lindell Holmes** ..... Detroit, Mich.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Marvin Hagler** ..... Brockton, Mass.
2. **Michael Olajide** ..... Canada
3. **Mike McCallum** ..... New York, N.Y.
4. **Iran Barkley** ..... New York, N.Y.
5. **Sumbu Kalambay** ..... Italy
6. **Robbie Sims** ..... Brockton, Mass
7. **Donald Curry** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
8. **Michael Nunn** ..... Sherman Oaks, Calif.
9. **Frank Tate** ..... Houston, Texas
10. **Herol Graham** ..... England

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LLOYD HONEYGHAN ..... England
1. **Mark Breland** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
2. **Marlon Starling** ..... Hartford, Conn.
3. **Maurice Blocker** ..... Washington, D.C.
4. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
5. **Rollin Williams** ..... Phoenix, Az.
6. **Juan Martin Coggi** ..... Argentina
7. **Tyrone Trice** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8. **Tsuyoshi Hamada** ..... Japan
9. **Terry Marsh** ..... England
10. **Frankie Warren** ..... Corpus Christi, Texas

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Hector Camacho** ..... New York, N.Y.
2. **Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
3. **Julio Cesar Chavez** ..... Mexico
4. **Vinny Pazienza** ..... Rhode Island
5. **Pernell Whitaker** ..... Norfolk, Va.
6. **Terrence Alli** ..... New York
7. **Meldrick Taylor** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8. **Frankie Randall** ..... Morristown, Tenn.
9. **Greg Haugen** ..... Auburn, Wash.
10. **Emancio Castro** ..... Colombia

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 126 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA ..... Venezuela
1. **Azumah Nelson** ..... Ghana
2. **Steve Cruz** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
3. **Calvin Grove** ..... Pottstown, Pa.
4. **Jeff Fenech** ..... Australia
5. **Louie Espinoza** ..... Phoenix, Arizona
6. **Barry McGuigan** ..... Ireland
7. **Victor Callejas** ..... Puerto Rico
8. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
9. **Hector Lopez** ..... Glendale, California
10. **Antonio Rivera** ..... Puerto Rico

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not Over 118 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Miguel Lora** ..... Colombia
2. **Kaosai Galaxy** ..... Thailand
3. **Santos Laciar** ..... Argentina
4. **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
5. **Kelvin Seabrooks** ..... Charlotte, N.C.
6. **Gilberto Roman** ..... Mexico
7. **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
8. **Greg Richardson** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
9. **Albert Davila** ..... Pomona, Calif.
10. **Chang-Young Park** ..... Korea

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 112 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA ..... Thailand
1. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
2. **Fidel Bassa** ..... Colombia
3. **Myung-Woo Yuh** ..... Korea
4. **Hilario Zapata** ..... Panama
5. **Dodie Penalosa** ..... Philippines
6. **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
7. **Rodolfo Blanco** ..... Colombia
8. **Rae-Ki Ahn** ..... Korea
9. **Paul Gonzales** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10. **Benedicto Murillo** ..... Panama

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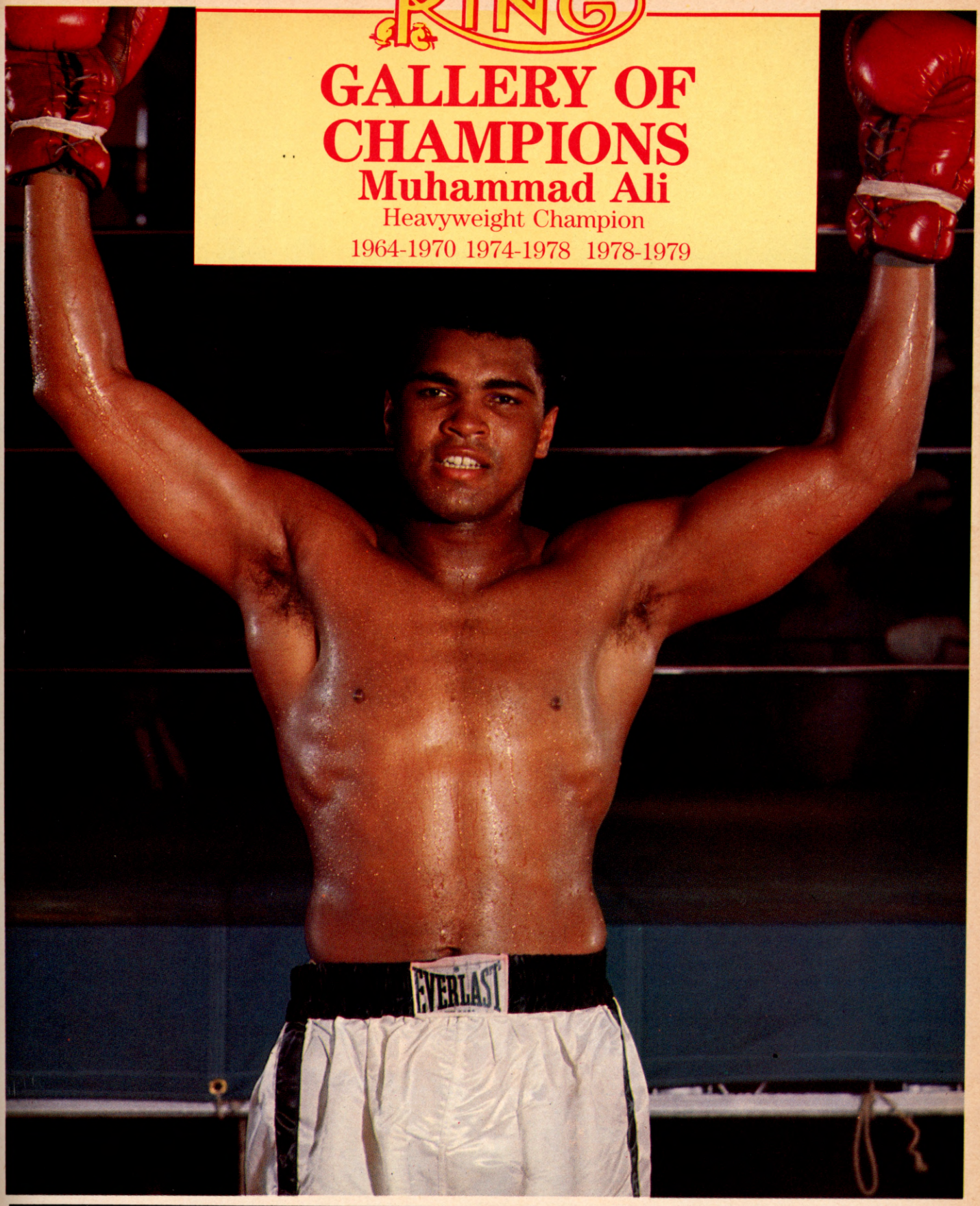
GALLERY OF CHAMPIONS

Muhammad Ali

Heavyweight Champion

1964-1970 1974-1978 1978-1979



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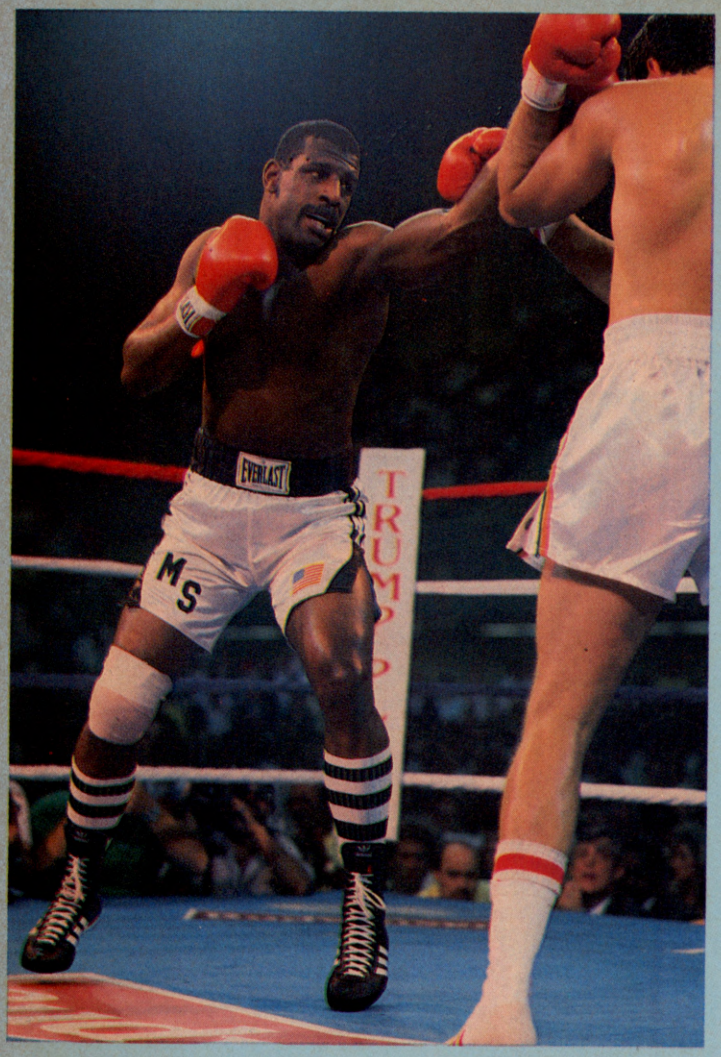

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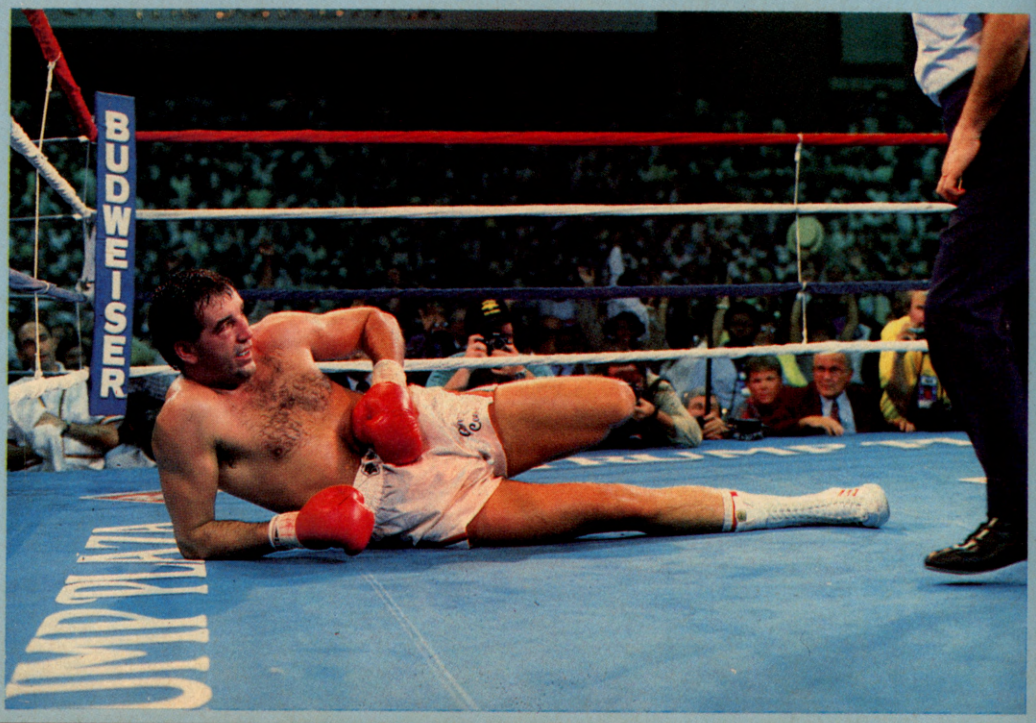

SPINKS-COONEY

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eye-catching combinations. It was the only one of the four completed rounds all three official judges (Harold Lederman, John Stewart and Tom Kaczmarek) agreed upon.

The third round brought the first meaningful exchanges of the bout. Cooney bothered Spinks with a hard left hook to the body, but Spinks stopped Cooney's charge with a left hook to the head. Nevertheless, Cooney still appeared dangerous.

Sometime during the third an accidental clash of heads opened a cut over the champion's right eye, paving the way for Cooney to have his best round in the fourth.

Spinks seemed bothered by the laceration and spent most of the round protecting his eye and trying to avoid Cooney's cumbersome attack. He looked confused and slightly winded. Though Gerry really didn't inflict much damage, his strength appeared to be controlling the action for the first time during the fight.

Cooney's surge was painfully brief. Spinks, probably anxious to reestablish his authority, opened the fatal fifth with another of the jarring jabs which had repeatedly plowed into Cooney's mug like a potato masher into a boiled spud.

Jab followed jab, and then Spinks began to really unload.

Smelling the kill, Spinks landed a right, two left hooks and another right to the head. Spinks momentarily paused, circled his prey and then connected with a series of five more crackling rights. Suddenly, Cooney was busier than General Custer at Little Big Horn.

When Cooney missed a roundhouse, Spinks stepped inside and delivered a vicious right to the chin that visibly staggered the challenger.

Always a fine finisher, Spinks wasted no time cutting loose with a devastating barrage. He was all over Cooney, delivering combinations to the head with pinpoint accuracy. So savage was Spinks' onslaught that it reminded me of Jack Dempsey cutting down Jess Willard. Like Dempsey, Spinks was destroying a man much larger than himself and doing so in a fashion that belied his vast disadvantage in size.

Cooney finally went down from a right and, like Willard, he gamely struggled up in time to beat the referee's count.

"I caught him with a lot of good right hands, some left hooks and jabs," remembered Spinks. "I was hoping he wouldn't get back up, but he did."

Spinks resumed his attack, punishing Cooney with a flurry of clean shots to the head. Cooney went down again, a forlorn sight as he rested on his rump and elbow, groggily trying to clear the cobwebs. Once again, Gerry showed heart in wobbling to his feet. But it was a lost cause.

Spinks pinned Cooney on the ropes and opened up with another prolonged volley. Cooney merely stood there soaking it up. He managed one good left hook that nailed Spinks flush on the side of the face and prompted the champion to retreat several steps. But Cooney was obviously too dazed to follow up and Spinks was quickly back in front of him, winging punches from all angles.

"I took it under, over the top and around the side," said the champion of his finishing bombardment.

It was the "under," in the form of several neck-wrenching uppercuts, which finally ended the rout. After Cooney absorbed another series of unanswered punches, referee Frank Cappuccino rescued him from further punishment at 2:51 of the fifth. Cooney's quest for glory, and probably his career, was over.

Spinks (31-0 with 21 KOs) had every right to be pleased with himself. And he was.

"Now all the little people all over the world can stand up and be proud," Spinks declared, beaming from ear to ear.

Eddie Futch, Spinks' trainer, was also very pleased with his pupil's performance.

"He gives himself a rest and he lures opponents into thinking he's tired," said Futch regarding Spinks' lacklustre fourth round. "And I've always said Michael is a harder puncher than Larry Holmes (who Futch also trained). He established the jab and everything fell into place."

Cooney (28-2 with 24 KOs) did not show for the post-fight press conference, but made an appearance the following day. Though he said he wanted to think things over before making any definite plans for the future, it would be pointless for him to fight on. He was never a championship calibre fighter, but probably could have been a lot better if he had dedicated himself to his craft and fought on a regular basis. As it is, Cooney will probably be remembered for his two losses more than anything else. Perhaps Spinks summed up Cooney's career best when he said, "Gerry, believe me buddy, you have nothing to be ashamed of. You didn't lose to just anybody."

He certainly didn't. He lost to arguably the two best heavyweights of the past decade. Of course, the only other active heavyweight who can also be mentioned in the same breath as Holmes and Spinks is Tyson.

When Tyson and Spinks appeared together on ABC-TV's delayed showing of their last two fights, there was a sharp contrast between the two which didn't have anything to do with size. Tyson, recognized as champion by the WBC and WBA, wore a warm-up suit, slouched in his chair and mumbled his lines. As a boxing historian of some note, Mike seemed rather uncomfortable with the subject under discussion: who is the *real* heavyweight champion of the world. In his heart of hearts, Tyson must know Spinks' claim has far more validity than his.

Spinks, on the other hand, seemed relaxed, confident and secure in his position as the genuine champ, recognized by *The Ring* and all who honor boxing tradition. He was decked out in a beautifully tailored tux, sat up straight and spoke eloquently. While neither an expensive tailor nor good posture will help him if he climbs into the ring with Tyson, Spinks' quiet self-assurance and poise probably will.

Maybe it is intangible qualities such as these that have persuaded Jacobs and Cayton that Tyson would be better off with another year's seasoning under his belt before tackling Spinks. Let's face it, time is on his side.

Whenever it happens, (and *The Ring* hopes all parties decide to strike while the iron is hot), it should be a great fight. It is a match which will not only intrigue the fans and make millions of dollars for all concerned, it will also put an end to this silly debate over who is the real heavyweight champ.

I recall a conversation I had with Jacobs when Tyson first entered HBO's heavyweight series. I asked him who among the participants did he think would give Tyson the toughest fight. His answer? Michael Spinks! □

"HAWK TIME" AGAIN FOR BEAU JACK AND PRYOR

by Louis Zipkin

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Beau Jack (left) tapes Aaron Pryor's hands in preparation for a recent workout in Miami Beach as boxing historian Hank Kaplan looks on.

CLEAR THE RUNWAY, "THE HAWK" IS preparing to take off once again.

Almost three years ago—February 2, 1985 for the sake of historical accuracy—Aaron Pryor retained his IBF junior welterweight championship with a 15-round, split decision over Gary Hinton in Atlantic City. That win left Pryor 36-0 with 32 knockouts.

He never fought again.

Pryor should be remembered as a great fighter, one of the very few to walk away from the ring without ever losing a fight. Instead, he is recalled as one whose whirlwind lifestyle brought to a crushing conclusion what should have been one of this decade's most brilliant careers.

Bad company and bad habits kept Pryor in the newspapers, but not on the sports pages.

Recently, however, tales of Pryor's return have circulated throughout the boxing community. *The Ring's* Florida correspondent, Lou Zipkin, tracked down the former champion, locating him at the 5th Street Gym in Miami Beach. There, Zipkin found Pryor working with two-time world lightweight champion Beau Jack, who has signed on as "The Hawk's" new trainer. Promoter Walter Alvarez, convinced of Pryor's sincerity, has signed him to an indefinite contract.

Pryor and Jack consented to the following exclusive interview with Zipkin.

RING: Aaron, are you serious about this comeback?

PRYOR: Yes, very serious. All I need is the chance. I have good guidance now.

RING: We all know you spent two weeks in the Dade County Jail a few months back. (Pryor is being charged with rape, kidnapping and assault on a female guest at his home.)

PRYOR: A trial is set in Dade Circuit Court. My attorney, Fred Robbins, is very confident that all charges will be dropped.

RING: Did being in jail have any influence on you?

PRYOR: Definitely! I decided to get straight while locked up, and there are no more drugs and no more so-called buddies, the hangers on. I really woke up!

RING: I hear you have a new influence in your life now?

PRYOR: Oh yes, I'm engaged to Lori Johnson and will be married on my 32nd birthday, October 20th.

RING: Beau Jack tells me you worked out yesterday, going 15 consecutive minutes against three opponents. How did you feel?

PRYOR: Beau asked me if I could go another six minutes and I told him I could go another 60.

RING: What are your future plans?

PRYOR: Well, Mr. Alvarez wants to send me to Panama to continue train-

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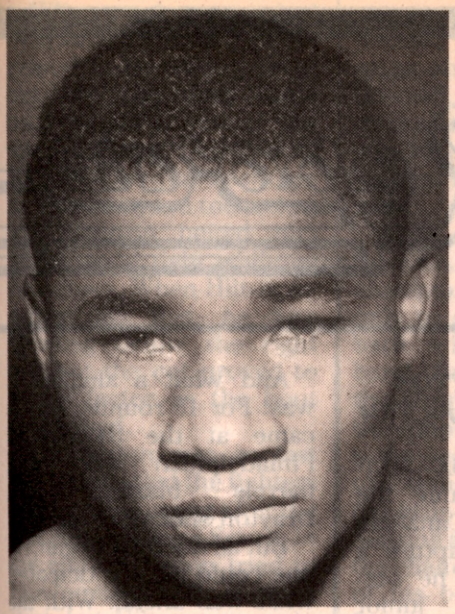

Beau Jack as he looked when he was lightweight champion.

ing under fresh-air conditions.

RING: Have you anything to say to the fight fans who thought you were the greatest after the two impressive Arguello wins?

PRYOR: I know I let a lot of people down, so I asked God for forgiveness. God gave me a blessing with my ability to box. I'm not going to waste that opportunity now. I went through some horrible times, but I survived. All my life I wanted to be a champion. When I made it, I didn't know how to handle it. The wrong people met me and I started doing drugs, and it turned my life upside down. I experienced drugs and what they can do. I want kids to know how bad it is. I tell them, "Say no to drugs. They'll ruin your life."

RING: Beau, what do you think about his chances?

JACK: I've been working with him three weeks now. If Aaron keeps his personal life in order and follows my advice, he'll be in great shape and he'll be a champion again. If I didn't think he was sincere, I wouldn't be working with him.

RING: Aaron, what do you think about Beau Jack?

PRYOR: God bless this man. He's just what I needed. He came along at the perfect time of my life. I know how to fight. Now, he's going to get me in condition to be a better fighter than I ever was. We're a perfect match. He's an old trainer that a lot of people gave up on, and I'm an old fighter that people gave up on. Together, we're going to do it, and I'm sticking with him all the way.

Pryor (left) connects with a right to the head of Gary Hinton, February 2, 1985. Though he remains undefeated, Pryor hasn't fought since.

RING: Your fiance Lori Johnson sounds like a heck of a girl.

PRYOR: Yes. We met in our home town, Cincinnati, and started dating a year ago. She's stuck by me through everything. She's a wonderful girl and has been a terrific influence on my life. We live together in Miami with my five-year-old son Taijuan and we're a close family living a simple home life.

RING: How are you set financially?

PRYOR: Despite my problems, I'm a co-owner in a seafood restaurant in Northwest Miami called the Caribbean Conch Shell. I know we have good food there because I gained 30 pounds since I started eating there.

RING: What do you foresee in your future?

PRYOR: I know a Leonard fight won't happen. But there are other good champions around. I'm convinced I'm coming back all the way. The Hawk is back. □

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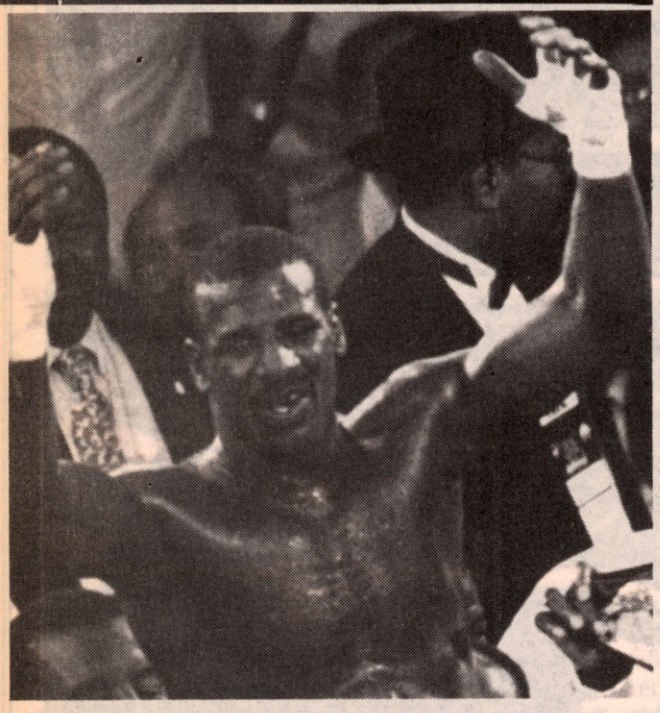
FIGHTER OF THE MONTH



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How sweet it is! Michael Spinks celebrates his TKO victory over Gerry Cooney. Spinks' excellent showing also earned him THE RING'S Fighter of the Month award.

There were many doubters who thought Gerry Cooney was too big and hit too hard for **Michael Spinks**. But when the dust settled in Atlantic City, Cooney was a helpless wreck and Spinks was still heavyweight champion of the world. Spinks' spectacular performance also earned him *The Ring's* Fighter of the Month award.

Runner-up spot this month goes to unheralded **Rollin "Chiller" Williams**, who ruined Tommy Ayers' title plans (Ayers was tuning up for a crack at Mark Breland's WBA crown) by scoring a 10-round, unanimous decision over the highly ranked Ayers.

Four boxers are given honorable mention this month. They are **Matthew Hilton**, who decisioned Buster Drayton to win the IBF junior middleweight title; **Vinny Paz**, who edged Greg Haugen for the IBF lightweight belt; **Carl "The Truth" Williams**, who rejuvenated his career by stopping Bert Cooper; and **Juan Martin Coggi**, who won the WBA junior welterweight crown by knocking out Patrizio Oliva. □

HILTON-DRAYTON
IBF Jr. Middleweight Title

MONTREAL, CANADA—Matthew Hilton became the first native-born Canadian in 44 years to capture a world title when he outpointed IBF junior middleweight king Buster Drayton over 15 grueling rounds in the Forum.

Jackie Callura of Hamilton, Ontario held the NBA featherweight championship for eight months in 1943. Like Callura, Hilton's championship is debatable. Callura was never recognized as a true world champion as Willie Pep held the featherweight title from 1942 to 1948, easily overshadowing Callura's claim.

Hilton's title is disputed by WBA boss Mike McCallum, who was slated to defend against Donald Curry at press time, and Duane Thomas, who was scheduled to meet Lupe Aquino. Typically, the three organizations can't even agree on a universal name for Hilton's division, the IBF and WBA calling it junior middleweight, the WBC naming it super welterweight.

Irregardless, the 21-year-old Hilton, who stretched his record to 27-0 with 21 knockouts, served notice he is a force to reckon with for any boxer weighing between 148 and 160 pounds. He outslugged a slugger in gaining the votes of the three judges, 146-139, 144-140 and 147-138.

And what a slugfest it was! For 15 rounds, Hilton came at the 34-year-old Philadelphian with both barrels blazing. And Drayton shot right back.

But as the fight began, no one could have anticipated what was ahead. With the first round barely half over, Hilton landed a counter right that dropped Drayton and sent Hilton's 12,000 screaming fans into a frenzy. Drayton, who won his crown with a 15-round decision over Carlos Santos, then defended with knockouts of Davey Moore and Said Skouma, wobbled to his unsteady pins only to face a two-fisted assault that made the remainder of the session seem a lifetime.

"When I knocked Buster down in the first round, I thought, 'Oh good. It might be over early,' " Hilton said. "That was a big mistake."

Yes it was. Drayton may have had losses in his 33-9-1 record, but he had only been stopped once, that coming in 1980, long before Buster blossomed as a world-class fighter.

"I was too relaxed because I had so much confidence," Drayton admitted. "But after I got up, I said to myself, 'It's time to go to work.' "

Drayton did go to work, landing several good rights in the second half of Round Two, but not before Hilton opened the session with a blistering body attack and some solid overhand rights. But the rights Drayton did

Hilton, who matched Drayton's weight of 154, appeared to be wilting early, but the Canadian came back strong to sweep the middle frames. In the sixth, Hilton slipped to one knee as the two stood toe-to-toe, and Drayton belted him with a good right while he was down. When Hilton regained his feet, he was bleeding below the right eye, but the cut proved to be no factor as the bout progressed.

The action was so fast and furious that the fighters continued slugging after the bell ended Round Seven. In the ninth, Drayton tried to gain control with a quick start, but Hilton was up to the challenge, outpunching the champion in every exchange.

Drayton did produce damage in the 10th, particularly with a left hook that wobbled the challenger. But again, Hilton regained control in the next session. The pair pounded each other without mercy in the 12th, again slugging away after the bell. At least five seconds after the 12th officially concluded, Drayton again rocked Hilton with a left hook.

Each was staggered in the 13th, Hilton shaking the champion with a left hook only to see Drayton come back with a sharp right hand. But Hilton finished the stronger of the two as the round wound down.

score seemed to teach Hilton some respect, and he did little in the next round. Sensing a change in the tide, the champion produced one of his best rounds in the fourth, scoring with heavy shots to both the head and body.

Drayton came out for the 14th thinking it was the last round. His corner had advised him such in the hope of inspiring the champion to go all-out. It didn't matter. Drayton had been going all-out, but Hilton always seemed to have the edge and the last six minutes were no different than the first 39.

How brutal was it? The medical reports issued after the fight had Drayton suffering a broken nose, two broken ribs and a broken hand. Plus, blood was showing in his urine. Hilton's hands were so swollen they couldn't be examined.

Despite the loss of his title and the numerous injuries, Drayton greeted the post-fight media with grace.

"Talk about being sore, I'm hurtin' all over," said the good-natured Drayton. "I hope Canada enjoys its new champion. If Matthew Hilton fights against his future opponents like he did against me, he's going to be champion for a long time."

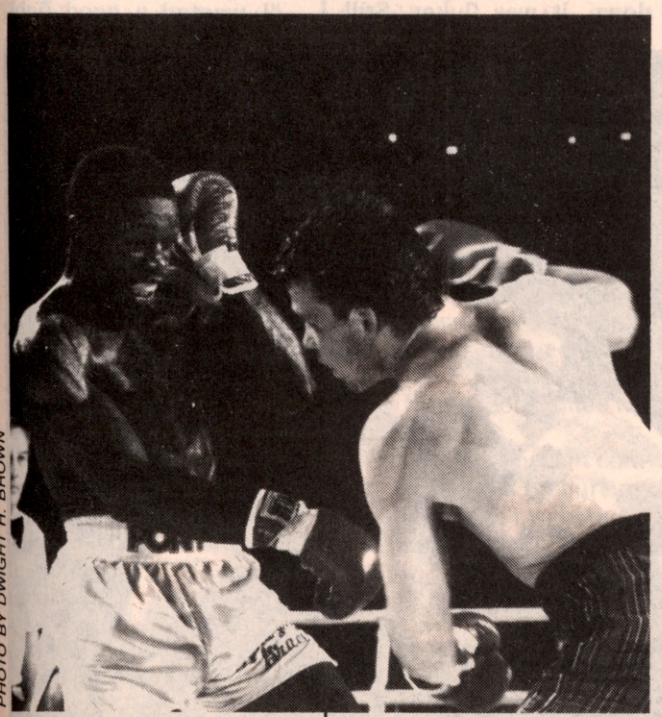
Hilton was equally gracious.

"I expected a war, and I got one," said the new champion. "I didn't expect it to go the distance, but Buster hit a lot harder than I thought and he had more stamina than I thought.

"This was by far my toughest fight," added Hilton. "I want to thank Buster for coming into my home town and giving me the opportunity."

(6-27-87)

Matthew Hilton (right) tears into Buster Drayton en route to a 15-round decision and the IBF junior middleweight title. Dropped in the opening round, defending champ Drayton fought back, but could never overcome Hilton's persistent attack.



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WILLIAMS-AYERS
Vacant USBA Welter Title

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ—WHO says ESPN champs aren't for real? Rollin Williams used the cable crown to springboard to the USBA title, derailing Tommy Ayers' plans for a higher throne in the process. In a shocking upset, unknown Williams, 146½, Phoenix, gained a unanimous verdict over top-rated Ayers, 146¼, Cincinnati, at Harrah's Marina, 12. It was almost a David-&-Goliath confrontation. Williams was saddled with a 16-4 record and losses to some unremarkable foes. But he'd been sharpening up in sparring sessions with Donald Curry, while Ayers, the self-styled, heir-apparent to the welter throne, had been biding his time with second-rate competition.

Once the bout started, it showed. Williams had studied Ayers meticulously, and stuck rigidly to a clever plan, keeping Tommy off balance with constant movement and peppery counters. "I don't care what he does," Tommy had boasted going in. "When I'm in the condition I'm in now, there's not a welterweight in the world who can beat me." Indeed, he started the bout with a look of almost lackadaisical disdain, as if sooner or later he couldn't help but swat the pesky fly. It didn't happen sooner, and it didn't come later, either.

A short right counter buckled Tommy's knees as the bell ended the second, but no one noticed. Ayers plodded on, began to bulldoze Williams a bit in the fourth and fifth, and looked about to finally get things in order. But any such hopes were dashed in the seventh, the biggest round of the fight. Rollin shook Tommy early with a flicking left hook that looked innocuous enough. But this time, he noticed, and poured it on. Ayers was ready to fall, saving himself only by a battering-ram body attack that shifted Williams back into reverse.

That round marked an irrevocable change of command. The favorite never took up the body attack again as he appeared lost against an opponent not fighting "his" fight. Ayers came to have the blank look of a zombie as he followed

Williams aimlessly around the ring. The crowd, restless at times as Rollin refused to mix, finally realized they were seeing a classic underdog effort and got with it. They exhorted him to the finish line, like a runner breaking away from the pack, where the judges waited with the roses. In excellent officiating, Lynne Carter and Rich Strange agreed on every round, 117-111, while Phil Newman came close at 117-113. Ted Pick refereed.

Ayers' NABF crown was not at stake, but the defeat cost him a shot at the WBA title and even had him talking retirement. "If I'm going to fight like this," he confessed, "I can't win a world championship anyway ... He was just the better man tonight. I wasn't tired or anything, I just didn't have it."

The winner opined simply, "I think this fight will open all the doors for me."

Harold "The Shadow" Knight, 130, Plainfield, TKO'd Rafael Gandarilla, 132, Matamoros, Mex., via Harlingen, TX, at 1:14 of the sixth, scheduled 10. Knight may have still been showing some effects of his savage battle with Kenny Baysmore as he did not look sharp clobbering tired vet Gandarilla in a crude affair. Rafael was right there to be hit, and, while not really hurt, was no longer in the fight when ref Tony Perez stopped it over a mild protest.

Tracy Harris (Patterson), 127½, New Paltz, NY, KO'd Silford Ashby, 127½, Bridgetown, Barbados, at 1:18 of the second, scheduled eight. The promising Harris was insulted as Ashby twice looked for a soft spot to flop. Ref, Rudy Battle.

Robert Alvarado, 153, Clementon, NJ, KO'd Jimmy Holmes, 153, Troy, NY, at 0:25 of the fourth, scheduled six. Cutie Holmes couldn't stand up to Robert's unsubtle assaults, took a brutal beating and was knocked cold by a right. Ref, Perez.

David Jones, 140½, Millville, NJ, won a majority verdict over Bradley Austin, 136¾, NYC, in a lively, but unschooled four. The attacking Austin turned shy after getting dropped by a right counter in the first. Ref, Battle.

Promoter: Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).

Matchmaker: Teddy Brenner & Bruce Trampler.

Attendance: 1,300 (est.).

Judges (undercard): Richard F. Murry, John Poturaj & Rich Strange.

Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert.

Announcer: Mike Buffer.

(6-30-87)

J.R. JOWETT

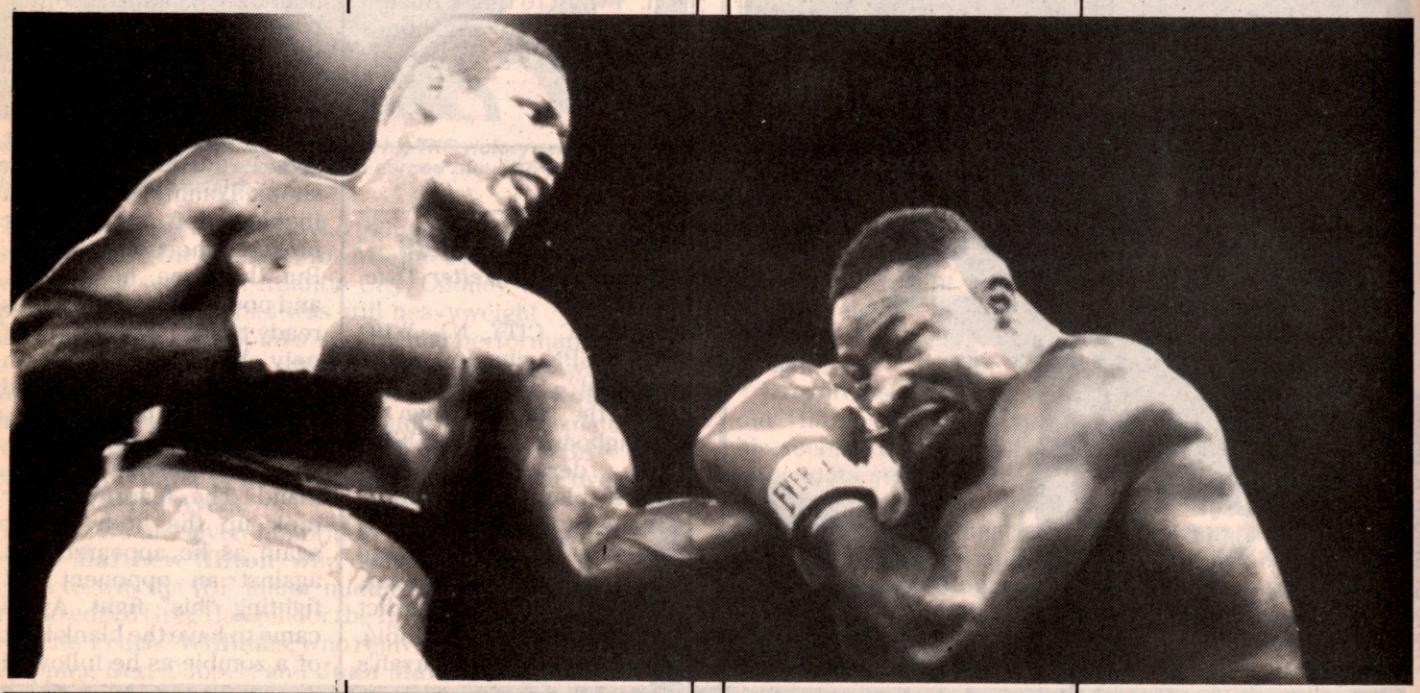
WILLIAMS-COOPER
Vacant USBA Heavyweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—WHEN Carl "The Truth" Williams and Bert Cooper signed to do battle, the "smart" money immediately went to Cooper. Williams had no chin ... or heart ... the line went. And Cooper was coming off an impressive win, with Willie de Wit's catastrophic performance probably making Bert look a bit more impressive than he is. But Williams proved so much the more masterful that his alleged weaknesses never came into play. Not that Cooper didn't try. He made "The Truth" fall back and reassess the situation on a number of occasions. But each time, it was after he himself had been stunned. Cooper was fighting an uphill battle, and Williams' skills made it too steep.

Trainer Joe Frazier's battle plan for Cooper was simple. "Smokin' " Bert was to realize his nickname: "not to allow Carl to breathe," stated Joe. But that strategy barely lasted a minute. Indeed, Cooper, 209, Sharon Hill, PA, charged out full-tilt at the first bell. But Williams, 224¾, White Plains, quickly decked him with a flashing left hook counter to a rusty-gate swing. Though ref Randy Neumann called it a knock down, it was flukey. Still, the opportunity wasn't wasted on Williams. He came right back with the same shot, jolted Cooper harder than he had for the "knockdown," and Bert "smoked" no more. Instead, he became a stalker, loading up for the big wallop, and that gave "The Truth" room to operate.

The bout, at Resorts International, showed how good a heavyweight contest can be ... if the fighters bother to get in shape. Though not a slugfest, the fighters filled the gaps between punches with tension, not loafing. A crackling exchange to start the second saw both land simultaneous, booming rights. But Bert's was harder and a shaken Williams gave ground. That was the closest Bert would come to landing the Big One. By the end of the round, a cautious Williams had begun working his jab, and each was a nail in Bert's coffin. Carl was surprisingly sharp, especially as this was his first bout since the shocking kayo loss to Mike Weaver.

"I wanted a good fight,



Carl "The Truth" Williams connects with a left to the head of Bert Cooper during their heavyweight encounter in Atlantic City. Cooper was the favorite, but Williams upset the odds, scoring a TKO when Cooper failed to come out for the eighth round.

PHOTO BY WILL HART

and I wanted Cooper because he reminds me of Mike Tyson," Williams explained. "I figured if I get past Cooper, I'm going to beat Tyson."

The jab reduced the Philadelphian to taking only what Williams gave him, with Bert's stubborn volleys coming after he'd been jolted by combinations. Each time, Carl postponed The (moment of) Truth. Like a one-man wolf pack, he tested his quarry for the moment to kill without the risk of being killed.

That seemed to come in the sixth, when Cooper was in trouble early, rallied to back Williams off, then was driven to his own corner by three explosive right leads, mixed over and under. The last was a thunderous shot that spun Bert sideways into the turnbuckle as the bell rang. Carl mysteriously took the seventh off, leaving it for Frazier to finish what The Truth had started. When Joe learned during the rest period that Bert couldn't hear out of his right ear, he refused to let his charge out for the eighth of the scheduled 12. In a statement hardly apt to further such fine matches in the future, promoter Bob Arum confirmed, "The fight cost him a million dollars. He was Tyson's December opponent."

Tyrone Frazier, 166¾, Phila., scored a unanimous win over Farrod Pinchback, 167, Bklyn., eight. The game Pinchback took a tremendous drubbing in furious infighting, being dropped by a booming right in the final round. Ref, Steve Smoger.

Wali Muhammad, 177, Newark, drubbed stubborn Ian Mattis, 176, NYC, in a rugged, but less exciting, eight. Ian's left eye was closed, and he was unable to come out for the sixth. Ref, Neumann.

Trialhorse Troy Watson, 166, Fayetteville, NC, via Balto., proved tougher than his record as he TKO'd Mark Frazier, 163½, Phila., at 0:20 of the third, scheduled six. In savage action, Mark was hung out to dry on the ropes when rescued by ref Smoger.

Gabriel Ponds, 146, Wash., DC, turned in a stylish unanimous win over wildman Mario Batiz, 150, NYC, four. Mario was down in the second and third. Ref, Smoger.

Matchmaker: Teddy Brenner & Bruce Trampler.

Attendance: 1,000 (est.).

Judges: Charlie Spina, "Rocky" Castellani & Frank Brunette.

Timekeeper: Art Spell.

Announcer: Mike Buffer.

(6-21-87)

J.R. JOWETT

COGGI-OLIVA
WBA Jr. Welterweight Title

RIBERA, SICILY—THE WBA junior welterweight championship has returned to Argentina.

In March of 1986, Italy's Patrizio Oliva took the title from Argentinian Ubaldo Sacco via a 15-round decision. But Sacco's countryman, Juan Martin Coggi, snatched it back, stunning a sellout crowd of 7,000 in this island town's soccer stadium with a three-round knockout of the previously undefeated local champion.

Oliva, a former Olympic champion, entered his third title defense with a 48-0 record. Coggi came in 31-1-2 with 19 knockouts. Though Coggi is nicknamed "The Lash" due to his fast punches, Oliva had indicated he had studied Coggi and seemed unconcerned with his challenger's reputation.

That proved to be a mistake as Coggi, fighting in his first title bout and for the first time overseas, landed a fast, powerful left to Oliva's jaw as the third round began. The 28-year-old champion wobbled and Coggi followed with several combinations that drove him through the ropes and to the canvas.

Oliva beat the count, but Coggi unleashed another assortment of rights and lefts to the head that sent Oliva down again. This time, the Italian remained on the deck as Puerto Rican referee Ruben Soto tolled the fatal 10.

"I did not see his left coming," said Oliva. "I hurt my shoulder when I went down the first time and I could not defend myself when I resumed fighting. I believe Coggi was lucky with that left, but this is boxing."

Though it was just his first loss, Oliva added, "I think this was my last fight."

Meanwhile, Coggi was understandably overjoyed.

"I am the champion, I am the champion," shouted a crying Coggi as he was carried on the shoulders of his supporters. "I knew I could have won the title, but I did not expect such a quick outcome. I am crazy with joy."

Oliva, *The Ring's* No. 7 welterweight contender who weighed 140, earned $120,000 for the disaster, with the 25-year-old Coggi, who weighed 139, taking home $40,000. Coggi's lone loss occurred March 9, 1985 when he was beaten on points over 10 rounds by Adolfo Arce Rossi. Since, he has drawn with Ramon Collado twice over 10.

(7-4-87)

YUH-MURILLO
WBA Jr. Flyweight Title

PUSAN, KOREA—UNBEATEN Myung-Woo Yuh impressively halted Panamanian challenger Benedicto Murillo at 1:26 of the 15th and final round to successfully defend his WBA junior flyweight championship in Sajik Gymnasium.

The Korean, who weighed 108 as did Murillo, was making the fifth defense of the championship he took from Joey Olivo December 8, 1985. *The Ring*, which does not recognize the junior flyweight class, ranked Yuh No. 3 among the world flyweights going into the bout, with Murillo ranked eighth.

The 27-year-old challenger boasted just two knockouts in his 12-2-3 record heading into the scrap, but 1986 wins over Eduardo Tunon and Virgilio Chifundo established his credibility as a world-class fighter and he proved worthy, giving Yuh all he could handle. Murillo opened the fireworks with solid one-twos and wild left hooks that surprised Yuh and his sizeable following.

But Yuh came back in the second round, pinning Murillo to the ropes while he landed combination after combination. Yuh's dominance in that round was so complete two of the judges gave him a 10-8 spread.

Yuh continued to dominate until the seventh when he seemingly took a rest, opting to concentrate on merely avoiding Murillo's roundhouse shots.

Rejuvenated, Yuh returned to punching in the eighth, battering the Panamanian from all angles and producing a cut on the left cheek of the challenger. Murillo started to appear frustrated at his inability to nail the champion, who countered smartly and sharply.

Murillo remained competitive, but Yuh remained in control until the last round when the champion swarmed all over the fading Murillo, scoring a barrage of blows the challenger was too exhausted to stop. Groggy and defenseless, Murillo was rescued from further harm by American referee Rudy Battle.

At the conclusion, Yuh was comfortably ahead on the cards of the three judges, Americans Larry Rozadilla and Mike Gliena giving him the edge 137-130 and 136-131, respectively, while Puerto Rican Luis Rivera saw it 136-130. The impressive triumph boosted the credentials of the 23-year-old champion to 24-0 with seven knockouts.

On the undercard, Eung-Shik Kim, 142, appeared lackluster in barely taking a 10-round decision over Tae-Wang Kang, also 142. Kim is 17-1 with 13 KOs, with Kang slipping to 17-20-5 with six KOs.

Promoter: Dong-A Promotions.

Television: MBC TV in Korea.

WBA Witness: Alberto Sarmiento.

Attendance: 15,000.

(6-7-87)

JOE KOIZUMI

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

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▶**INGLEWOOD—The Forum**—A controversial knockdown gave former WBC super bantamweight champion Jaime Garza, 126, Alhambra, a one-point, split win over Joe Ruelas, 126, Santa Ana, in a sensational Forum tournament 10-round quarter-final. The hard-hitting featherweights took turns belting each other and were even on points after eight great rounds. Early in the ninth, Ruelas (20-4) was stunned by a right hand. Baby Joe tried to hang on, but he was pushed down by Garza (46-2). Referee Vince Delgado hesitated, then began the count that made Ruelas an unlucky loser. Scoring: Chuck Hassett 95-94, Garza; Raul Caiz 96-95, Ruelas; Larry Rozadilla 96-95, Garza.

Derrick Kelly, 151, Inglewood, easily defeated Lorenzo Guzman, 152, Las Vegas, who was counted out by referee Caiz at 1:02 of the sixth of a scheduled 10. Kelly (16-1-1) also scored a first-round knockdown.

Lucilo Nolasco, 118, Los Angeles, and Edel Geronimo, 118, Los Angeles, fought to a disappointing technical draw after only 44 seconds of the first of a scheduled 10 when Geronimo was cut by an unintentional butt. Rozadilla, referee.

There was also a technical draw in a scheduled six between Willie Wilson, 164, Campo, and Antoine Byrd, 161, Pomona. Byrd (5-1-1) was cut by a Wilson (7-1-1) head butt and could not continue at 44 seconds of the fourth. Robert Byrd, referee.

Levi Billups, 223, San Diego, won a split decision over previously unbeaten Mike Hunter, 208, Encino, in a dull grab and hold eight. *The Ring* scorecard favored a lazy Hunter (7-1-0), but Billups (6-3) went forward and worked hard for his victory. Scoring: Dick Young 78-75, Hunter; Hassett 78-75, Billups; Delgado 77-76, Billups.

Oscar Ornelas, 135, East Los Angeles, TKO'd William Ratcliff, 134, Los Angeles, ringside physician Dr. Michael Deluca stopping the fight after two of the scheduled four rounds to save Ratcliff from further punishment. Ratcliff had been cut and floored. Caiz, referee.

Abdullah Tabezi, 159½, North Hollywood, forced Jeff Wright, 162, Compton, to quit in his corner at the end of the second of a scheduled four. Delgado, referee.

Efren Chavez, 118, South El Monte, unanimously outslugged Luciano Martinez, 118, Los Angeles, in a hard-fought four, all three judges scoring 39-37. Caiz, referee.

Physicians: Dr. Bernhart Schwartz & Dr. DeLuca.
Timekeepers: Aaron Koslow & John Liechti.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis.
Promoter: Jerry Buss.
(5-18-87)

▶**SAN DIEGO—El Cortez Hotel**—Tony Deluca, 110½, San Diego, won a thrilling unanimous decision over Baja flyweight champion Abraham Garcia, 110, Tijuana, 10, rewarded by a large shower of bills thrown in by ringsiders. Deluca (10-1-2) was bothered by a grotesque swelling over his left eye. Garcia (12-6) lost a point because of low blows in the eighth. Scoring: Tony Guitron 96-93; Pat Russell 97-94; Fritz Werner 97-93. Frank Rustich, referee.

Rigo Lopez, 149, El Cajon, knocked out Joel Soto, 147, Tijuana, with a right hand at 1:58 of the first of a scheduled eight. Lopez (18-3) is now fighting under the management of promoter Bob DePhilippis. Rustich, referee.

Fernando Ambriz, 114, San Diego, defeated Sammy Espinosa, 115, Riverside, at 2:22 of the first of a scheduled four. Espinosa took two counts. Eddie Rodriguez, referee.

Cliff Jackson, 157, San Diego, fought well to hold Roberto Rosiles, 160, Blythe, to a four-round draw. Werner, referee.

Joaquin Martinez, 156, San Diego, forced the pace and won a deserved four-round, split decision over prospect David Smith, 156, Campo. Scoring: Rustich 39-38, Smith; Russell 40-36, Martinez; Rodriguez 39-37, Martinez. Werner, referee.

L.J. Canty, 154, San Diego, disposed of Alvin Arnold, 153, Los Angeles, at 2:02 of the third of a scheduled four. Referee Rodriguez stepped in after Arnold had been staggered by two rights. Arnold was floored in the second.

Physician: Dr. William Lundeen.
Timekeeper: Mike Millsap.
Announcer: Fred Lewis.
Matchmaker: Eric Bonilla.
Promoter: Bob DePhilippis.
(5-21-87)

▶**RESEDA—The Country Club**—Larry Musgrove, 159, Los Angeles, extended his winning streak as a middleweight to four with a unanimous decision over Rickey Locke, 161¾, Bakersfield, 10. Former light heavyweight Musgrove (8-7-3) provided all the offense. Locke (8-13-2) was down for a nine-count in the first. Scoring: Vince Delgado and Dick Young 100-89; Pat Russell 98-92. Rudy Jordan, referee.

Abe Gomez, 125, Arleta, won a four-round, majority verdict over non-stop puncher Rudolfo Perez, 125, Temple City. Gomez (3-0) had to hold off the furious late assault of Perez (4-1-1). Scoring: Young 39-36; Delgado 38-38; Jordan 39-38. Russell, referee.

Alex Morfin, 127, Paramount, impressively began his pro career by knocking out Fernando Garcia, 128, East Los Angeles, at 2:50 of the second of a scheduled four. Debuting Garcia was floored twice. Delgado, referee.

Armando Baeza, 133½, Paramount, upset club favorite Dino Garza, 130, Granada Hills, at 1:35 of the second of a scheduled four. Baeza (7-2-1) used a big right hand to leave Garza (4-1) flat on his back over the bottom rope. Russell, referee.

Bruce Pearson, 142, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed David Guerra, 142¾, San Diego, four. Guerra (8-13) started too late. Pearson (7-1-1) lost a point in the third for a low blow. Scoring: Young 39-36; Jordan and Russell 39-37. Delgado, referee.

Physician: Dr. Robert Karns.
Timekeeper: Aaron Koslow.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Matchmaker: Larry Goossen.
Promoter: Daniel Goossen.
(5-26-87)

▶**IRVINE—Marriott Hotel**—Jorge (Rocky) Garcia, 133, Placentia, kayoed Cesar Zepeda, 133, Bell Gardens, who provided little opposition before he was counted out at 1:50 of the second of a scheduled 10. Zepeda (19-9-1) was down twice. Garcia (27-7-2), out of boxing for 15 months, made it a happy night for his manager Jack McCoy. Gentleman Jackie had been honored minutes before the fight for his 40 years of dedicated service to boxing. Dr. James Jen-Kin, referee.

Comebacking Jorge Ramirez, 124, Los Angeles, won a decisive unanimous decision over teenage veteran Ralph Gutierrez, 124, Los Angeles, over eight good rounds, all three judges scoring 78-73. Gutierrez (7-13-5) did everything right for two rounds. But the contest was won by the harder hitting and body punching of Ramirez. Inactive for over a year and a half due to managerial problems, Ramirez (17-5-2) floored Gutierrez in the seventh. Tony Guitron, referee.

Japanese old-timer Fuji Kuraoka, 148, Huntington Beach, was behind on points when he TKO'd Mike Ruelas, 149, Montclair, at 2:50 of the third of a scheduled four. Referee Eddie Rodriguez stopped the fight because of a cut on Ruelas' right eyebrow. Tough luck loser Ruelas (5-3-1) was returning to the ring after a four-year absence.

Debuting Ruben Castanon, 136, Upland, won a majority decision over Lonnie Donaldson, 138, Los Angeles, four. Scoring: Guitron 38-38; Chuck Hassett 39-37; Jen-Kin, referee.

Francisco Jimenez, 126, Los Angeles, scored a flash first-round knockdown and won unanimously over debuting Armando Lomeli, 125, South El Monte, all officials scoring 39-37. Guitron, referee.

Physicians: Dr. Michael DeLuca & Dr. Mario Ficarola.
Timekeeper: Phil Carreon.
Announcer: Danny Valdivia.
Matchmaker: John Cabrera.
Promoter: Don Fraser.
(5-28-87)

▶**LOS ANGELES—The Olympic**—Mauricio Aceves, 136, Mexico City, knocked out 10th-ranked WBA lightweight Julio Ruiz, 133¼, Panama City, with just one second remaining in the sixth of a scheduled 10. Scoring through five: Kenny Davis 48-47, Aceves; Lou Filippo 49-46, Ruiz; Robert Byrd 48-47, Aceves. Larry Rozadilla, referee.

Octavio Robles, 146¾, scored a disputed majority points win over Gilbert Baptist, 152, San Diego, 10. Scoring: Byrd 96-94; Davis 95-95; Filippo 96-95. Lou Moret, referee.

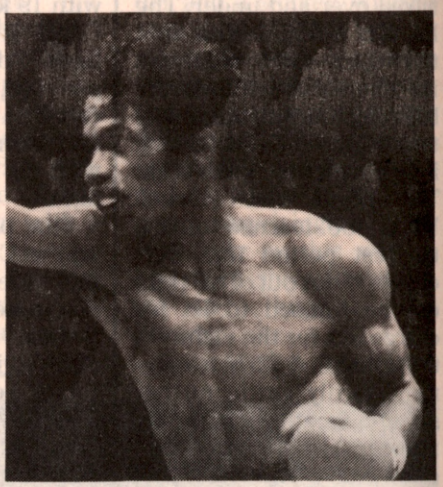
Felipe Fuentes, 140, Mexico City, proved too big for Carlton Sparrow, 134, Las Vegas, who took two counts before Byrd intervened at 2:15 of the third of a scheduled eight. Fuentes (11-0-1) lost a point in the second for low blows.

Alex Garcia, 217½, San Fernando, made it three wins in three fights by knocking out Tony Crawford, 212, Oceanside, with a right hand at 1:57 of the first of a scheduled four. Filippo, referee.

Paul Banke, 125, Blythe, overpowered smaller Willie Garcia, 121, San Diego, in the second of a scheduled five. Davis, referee.

Manuel Davila, 142½, Los Angeles, knocked out comebacking Adrian Oviedo, 141, San Diego, in the third of a scheduled four. Davis, referee.

Physician: Dr. Bernhart Schwartz.
Timekeeper: William Arriola.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Matchmaker: Obdulio Munoz.
Promoter: Rogelio Robles.
(5-28-87)



Greg Richardson retained the USBA super bantamweight title with a 12-round unanimous decision over Darrell Thigpen at the Inglewood Forum.

▶**INGLEWOOD—The Forum**—Hector Lopez, 126, Glendale, earned a spot in the Forum featherweight finals by pounding out a lopsided unanimous, 10-round decision over game Lenny Valdez, 126, Mexicali. Valdez (29-8-1) walked forward and kept trying to throw punches, but found the Olympic Silver Medalist much too fast. Lopez (14-1) fought a near perfect fight, piling up points with his jab and punishing Valdez with hard and accurate right hands. Scoring: Chuck Hassett 98-93; Lou Filippo 99-92; Robert Byrd 99-91. John Thomas, referee.

Greg Richardson, 118, Youngstown, retained his USBA super bantamweight title for the second time with an unexciting unanimous, 12-round decision over local challenger Darrell Thigpen, 121, Los Angeles. Southpaw Thigpen (15-5) did the work early. But Richardson (23-2), boxing and countering smartly on the move, took control from the fourth. Scoring: Frank Rustich 119-110; Bob Cox 117-113; Joe Garcia 117-111. Dr. James Jen-Kin, referee.

Jesus Poll, 125, Long Beach, took a repeat decision over Daniel Garcia, 125, East Los Angeles, winning unanimously in a crowd-pleasing 10. Poll (10-0-2) forced the fight but lost two points for low blows. Garcia (7-5-1) was always competitive. Scoring: Hassett 96-92; Thomas 96-94; Filippo 97-91. Byrd, referee.

Lionel Washington, 210, Bakersfield, stopped winless Mike Tyson, 205, Los Angeles, after flooring him at 2:48 of the first of a scheduled four. Tyson was wobbly but still on his feet when rescued by referee Filippo.

Rodney Stockton, 188, Los Angeles, made a successful pro debut with a knockout over Bobby Livesay, 189, Pomona, at 1:34 of the second of a scheduled four. The shorter Livesay,

also making his pro debut, was floored in both rounds. Gwen Adair, referee.

Ray Thompson, 154½, Las Vegas, impressively stopped fellow first-timer Todd Mallard, 158, Bakersfield, at 1:40 of the second of a scheduled four. Referee Filippo intervened after Mallard wobbled up from a left-hook knockdown.

In a third match between debuting pros, Ronnie Wiswell, 147, Bakersfield, crushed Paul Trevino, 145½, Stanton, at 1:17 of the second of a scheduled four. Trevino was down three times. Adair, referee.

Physicians: Dr. Bernhart Schwartz & Dr. Michael DeLuca.
Timekeepers: Aaron Koslow & John Liechti.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis.
Promoter: Jerry Buss.
(6-5-87)

▶**RIVERSIDE—Raincross Square**—Alphonso Long, 145, Riverside, captured the California welterweight title with a unanimous decision over defending champion Russell Mitchell, 146½, Paso Robles, 12. The quicker Long (20-6-1) swept the first eight rounds as frustrated southpaw Mitchell (10-9-2) waited. Scoring: Raul Caiz 116-111; Vince Delgado 118-110; Pat Russell 117-113. Robert Byrd, referee.

Paul Banke, 122, Blythe, wore down and stopped Tony Talley, 124, Sacramento, at 1:46 of the sixth of a punishing scheduled eight. Banke (9-2) was cut under both eyes, Talley (7-9-1) over both. Russell, referee.

Roberto Rosiles, 158½, Blythe, TKO's mismatched Lawrence Farmer, 153½, Los Angeles, Farmer turning his back in surrender at 2:51 of the second of a scheduled four. Caiz, referee.

Rodney Stockton, 183, Los Angeles, controversially halted Dwayne Rosette, 176½, San Diego, at 2:00 of the first of a scheduled four. Although Rosette was up at six and ready to continue after a right-hand knockdown, referee Caiz prematurely declared it over.

Debuting Kenny Comer, 141½, Los Angeles, TKO'd veteran David Guerra, 142, San Diego, at 2:20 of the second of a scheduled four. A cut caused the stoppage. Tony Guitron, referee.

Physician: Dr. Michael DeLuca.
Timekeeper: John Liechti.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Matchmaker: Ernesto Fuentes.
Promoter: Bill Nasto.
(6-12-87)

DEAN LOHUIS

CONNECTICUT

▶**HARTFORD—Civil Center Assembly Hall**—Admittedly, it was a tuneup: Nevertheless, welterweight title contender Marlon Starling displayed an awesome array of fistic artillery in knocking out Chicago's Norberto Bueno at 1:49 of the third in a slated 10-rounder. And England's Mickey Duff had to be impressed as he scouted a potential challenger for his WBC-IBF welter champ Lloyd Honeyghan.

The Briton manages and promotes the titleholder's fights, promising Don Bower, the Hartford challenger's manager, a title shot at a European site later in the year.

Trainer George Cruz had the 149½-lb Starling in superb condition for this one, flashing fists striking with lightening-bolt speed as "Moochie" methodically set up the 152-lb Chicagoan for the kill.

Twice he dropped Bueno in the first heat with power-laden rights. Late in the round, he played ping-pong with Bueno's head as the target. With fists as paddles, he had Bueno's noggin bouncing from one glove to the other.

With nose bleeding, Norberto gamely tried against the razor-sharp Starling in the second. Stalking his rival, Marlon fielded Bueno's punches with his gloves before unleashing a final assault that laid out the Chicagoan on his back. Raising his head in trying instinctively to get up as Referee Sam Maltempo counted him out, Norberto lay prone for awhile. Dr. Steven M. Stein worked over him before Bueno rose slowly to leave.

It was Starling's 26th knockout as he boosted his record to 41 wins against four losses.

Ray Doughty, 135, of Waterbury stopped Mitchell Reyes, 130, of Holyoke, Mass. in the first of a slated semifinal six. Ray twice dropped the Bay Stater, ref Duke Lawson halting his count the second time.

The show's best bout was the heavyweight four in which Tim Tsepodinis, 216, of Norwalk and Hartford's Hassan Shabazz, 240, fought head-to-head all the way to a hooted draw decision. This *Ring* correspondent saw Tim the winner in scoring cleaner punches. Before the belated decision was announced, the crowd had risen to its feet applauding the duel.

Other results of slated fours: Herbie Cox, 194, Hartford won on a disqualification of Merion Butler, 220, Springfield, Mass. in the second.

George Brice, 225, Hartford stopped Andy Gordon, 187, Norwalk at 1:52 of the second.

Tony Rorie, 145, Bridgeport outpointed James Gibson, 144, Waterbury.

Officials: Sam Maltempo, Matt Mullaney, Duke Lawson, Bob Muravnick & Walt Longo.
Timekeeper: Lou Dell.
Ringside physician: Steven M. Stein.
Announcer: Bob Steele.
Promoter: Conn. Sports Promotions.
Attendance: 548. Gross: $8,880.
(6-5-87)

JOSEPH CASSANO

ILLINOIS

▶**CHICAGO—DiVinci Manor**—An eight-round battle between Chicago natives saw Ron Amundsen, 155½, score a unanimous decision over William Clayton, 153.

Clayton seemed more interested in staying away from Amundsen.

Jack Carollo, 145½, Franklin Park, took a unanimous, six-round nod over Chicago's J.C. Camell Jr., though the loser put up a whale of a scrap.

Chicago's Robert Hitz, 212, scored a unanimous, six-round decision over Joliet's Larry Roberson, 219.

Chicago's Oliver McCall, 222, pushed his record to 9-1 by knocking out Miami's Tim Morrison, 223, in just 1:01.

East Moline's Efrain Ramos, 140, won his second straight pro start, a four-round, unanimous decision over Milwaukee's Walter Cowen, 142.

Promoter: Cliff Lanas.
Announcer: Ben Bentley.
Physician: Dr. Glenn Bynum.
Referees: Stan Berg & Brian O'Shea.
Timekeeper: Kenny Kinsch.
Judges: Mike Glienna, Al Tremari, Bill Lerch & James DiVito.
(5-30-87)

INDIANA

▶**NEW CASTLE—National Guard Armory**—Mike Pollitt, 160½, New Lisbon, Indiana, and Jimmy "Schoolboy" Baker, 161, Scottsburg, Indiana, got into a pier-six brawl for the vacant Indiana middleweight championship. Pollitt pressed the action during the bout with Baker countering nicely. The pressure plus the heavier punches took their toll on Baker and Pollitt walked away with the championship belt with a TKO at 2:30 of Round Six.

Coming back from surgery on his right hand, Frankie Minton, 175, Indianapolis, won a six-round decision over Jesse Abram, 174, Omaha. This was an entertaining bout with Minton in control.

Hector Ramirez, 136, Columbus, Indiana, TKO'd Bobby Moore, 134, Ft. Wayne, at 1:30 of the opening stanza. The heavy-handed Ramirez, at 21 years old, had no amateur experience and now is 2-0 as a pro.

In his pro debut at the age of 19, well-built Dickie Ryan, 230, Omaha, knocked out Steve Hatfield, 230, Albany, Iowa, at 2:25 of the second round.

Mike Belonias, 147½, New Castle, stopped George Reedy, 154, Terre Haute, in Round Three. Both combatants gave it their best. Time: 2:47.

Shawn Evans, 197½, Richmond, Kentucky, stopped Leigh Harris, 204, Dayton, Ohio, at 1:10 of the initial round.

Promoter: Fred Berns.
Matchmaker: Pete Susens.
Referees: George De Fabis & Bill Vaughn.
Judges: Jerome Van Orman, Lance Rhodes & Gary Merritt.
Timekeepers: Ellie De Fabis & Beth Rhodes.
Attendance: 400 (est.). Gross: $4,800 (est.).
(5-16-87)

▶**HAMMOND—Civic Center**—Jack Callahan, 155, Hammond, TKO'd Raul Aguirre, 158, San Antonio, Texas, in the second round. Callahan, a physical fitness instructor, was in great shape as usual, which is more than you can say for Aguirre.

Highly regarded Harold Brazier, 138, South Bend, stopped Jose Martinez, 137, San Antonio, in Round Four. Brazier, the NABF jr. welterweight champion, keeps a busy boxing schedule besides holding down a full-time job.

Wilbert "Vampire" Johnson, 173, Indianapolis, produced a second-round TKO over Jimmy McLain, 168, Omaha. The Vampire is stalking the ring again after a long layoff.

Ray Fenix, 172, Warsaw, Indiana, won a four-round decision over Danny Miller, 168, Red Lake, Minnesota.

Kent Acuff, 157, Terre Haute, knocked out Tom Lally, Oaklawn, Illinois, in Round Three.

Billy Doyle, 155, Omaha, KO'd Billy Evans, 158, Rapid City, South Dakota, in the sixth and final round.

Promoter: Bonita Hardesty.
Matchmaker: Pete Susens.
Referees: Sean Curtain & Al Prislinger.
Judges: Walter Schramm, Donald Leek & John Wilson.
Timekeeper: Bill West & Virgil Strauss.
Attendance: 300 (est.). Gross: $4,000 (est.).
(5-16-87)

GARY L. MERRITT

KANSAS

▶**KANSAS CITY—Memorial Hall**—Boxing returned to this area with a bang when Kan-Do Sports, with promoter Mike Fulton and matchmaker Peyton Sher combining their considerable talents to put on an action packed six-bout card.

On hand for the event were Kansas City Chiefs Mike Bell and Jonathan Hayes, along with the Professional Karate Association's 165-lb World Champion, Bob "Thunder" Thurman.

The main go featured the Missouri state light heavyweight champion, Charles "Hollywood" Henderson, K.C. Mo., versus Ronnie Ackerson, Oklahoma City. Henderson pitched a near shutout until early in the sixth round when he landed a hard right to the solar plexus of Ackerson which put Ronnie down for the count. The official time was 0:30. Both fighters came in at 175. Ackerson hit his head hard on the canvas when he went down and was out for several minutes as a result, but he recovered suffficiently to leave the ring under his own power.

Veteran heavyweight "Poison" Ivy Brown, who has been in with and extended the best of them, including the likes of Leon Spinks, Carlos DeLeon, Lee Roy Murphy, Young Joe Louis, S.T. Gordon, Alvaro "Yaqui" Lopez and Anthony Davis, champions and near-champions all, engaged in a three-round exhibition with Tiger Thomas. Ivy, utilizing a crisp right hand, capped a good night's work by dropping the Tiger twice in the last round.

The best bout of the evening saw Kevin Grantham, 158, Raytown, Mo., who was making his pro debut after compiling an 88-7 record as an amateur, winning a split decision over David Allen, also 158, of Springfield, Mo. Allen was dropped midway in the second round, but arose to finish strongly. Utilizing his height and reach advantage, David attempted to keep his opponent at bay, while Kevin worked inside. In the fifth, Allen received a cut under the left eye and referee Jerry Morales had the ringside physician, Dr. Whitaker, take a look-see and then permitted the bout to continue.

Another trench warfare type bout saw Oney Hellems, 132, St. Louis, gain a hard earned, split decision win over Sylvester Ansley, 132, Kansas City, who was saved by the bell at the end of the fourth and last round. This was an excellent fight and both boxers were given a rousing ovation by the audience.

Marcel Suttington, 135, Kansas City, left-hooked his way to a kayo win over Anthony Henley, 135, St. Louis, at 2:38 of the second round. Henley was dropped twice in the first by the hard-punching Suttington before succumbing to one final punch late in the next round.

In the opening bout, Jessie Hicks, 130, Kansas City, was awarded a TKO victory over Maurice Baker, 130, Springfield, Mo., at 1:45 of the second. A series of blows by Hicks dropped Baker in a neutral corner to end the bout. A right hook in the first by the southpaw Hicks deposited Baker for a three-count.
(6-19-87)

TOM FOLEY

KENTUCKY

▶**LEXINGTON**—Lexington's Earl White, 156, didn't give the home folks much to gawk at, getting knocked out in only 1:06 by Jackson, Tennessee's Donald Bowers, 159.

The main event was scheduled for eight rounds.

Jasper, Alabama's Tim Daniels, 160, scored a split, six-round decision over John Moore, 168, Evansville, Indiana, in a good bout.

Lexington's Jerry Brown, 156, proved too fast and hard-hitting for Terre Haute, Indiana's George Reedy, 156, scoring a TKO in the third of a scheduled six.

Evansville, Indiana's Billy Brown, 149, scored a two-round TKO of Harlan, Kentucky's Gary Greer, 154. Greer went down three times before the bout was stopped at 2:02.

Kirksey, Kentucky's Shawn Simmons, 129, put up a good show, but was stopped in the fourth round by Lexington's 18-year-old Bryan Brown, 130.

Promoter: Thoroughbred Pro Boxing, Inc.
Referees: Terry O'Brien & Sam Floyd.
Judges: Mike Childers, Roy Kempf & Larry Mullins.
Physician: Dr. James Ross.
Timekeeper: Sayre.
Announcer: Jeff Howard.
(6-2-87)

LOUISIANA

▶**LAKE CHARLES—Garfield's Lounge**—Hometowner Scott Daley scored his 13th knockout in as many starts when he erased Jimmy Mitchell of Jackson, Miss., at 2:58 of the opening round.

Daley, a welterweight, sent Mitchell through the ropes with a right to the ribs followed by a right to the jaw. Mitchell recovered to land a couple of lead rights, but Daley connected again with a left hook to the jaw and a right to the body that put Mitchell down for keeps.

Another local, David "Country" Clark, 180, scored a unanimous decision over Robert Fournerat of Lake Charles.

Promoter: Champion Boxing Promotions.
(5-21-87)

▶**WESTLAKE—St. Joseph Bosco Center**—Weighing 147 pounds, Lake Charles' Scott "Blonde Bomber" Daley made it 14 straight KOs with a 2:15 demolition of Houston's Carl Orville.

Daley worked well to the body, forcing Orville into the ropes where he was nailed with a right cross that put him down and out.

David "Country" Clark, of Ragley, scored his second KO in a 6-0 record, polishing off Stanley Closton of Port Arthur, Texas at 1:57 of the second round. A left hook to the jaw sent Closton down. He beat the count, but was in no condition to continue.
(5-30-87)

MAINE

▶**LEWISTON—Lewiston Armory**—Former amateur star Joey Gamache, 143¾, Lewiston, made his pro debut with a four-round TKO of Bridgeport, Connecticut's Al Jackson, 149.

Jackson failed to answer the bell for the fourth.

Jeff Harris, 159, Chesterville, stopped Portland's Danny Butts, 155, in the first.

Kevin Gilmore, 225, Bath, stopped Waterville's Huey Doucette, 230, in the first.

Morrisville, Vermont's Danny Mason, 138, scored a three-round TKO over Bridgeport, Connecticut's Angel Correa, 130½.

Bucksport, Maine's Bobby Wadleigh, 152½, stopped Jose Ortiz, 150, Springfield, Mass., in the first.

Promoter: Joe Gamache Sr.
Referees: Norm Veilleux & Fern Jolin.
Physician: Anthony J. Keaton.
Judges: Glassman, Webster & Borgenson.
Gate: $9,540.
(5-1-87)

▶**BUCKSPORT—High School**—Lewiston's Joey Gamache, 138, won his second consecutive start with a three-round TKO over Norfolk, Virginia's Johnny Pitts, 145.

John Gross, 165, Syracuse, NY, knocked out Joe Ossai, 167, Merrrimack, NH, in the fourth.

York, Maine's Robert Langan, 139, notched a one-round TKO over Stormville, NY's Marcus Hanlon, 132.

Mike Caminiti, 156, Schenectady, NY, and Chesterville, Maine's Jeff Harris, 152, battled to a bloody, six-round draw.

Bucksport's Bob Wadley, 148, knocked out Zack Solik, 142, Troy, NY, in the second.

Promoter: Mark Peabody.
Referees: Norm Veilleux & Fern Jolin.
Physician: Richard D. Haskell.
Gate: $5,240.
(5-23-87)

MARYLAND

▶**PIKESVILLE—The Pikesville Armory**—When only one of your main event boxers comes to fight and one comes just to remain upright, exciting isn't a word you'll find to describe the proceedings.

Ronnie Essett, Baltimore, was all over a very reluctant Osley Silas, DC, from Round One on. Essett mixed his punches well as his opponent retaliated only on rare occasions. The passive Mr. Silas gave up what little fight he had in him when he quit on his stool with only one more round to go, Essett being awarded a seventh-round TKO. Both boxers looked a wee bit soft at 175 lbs, but at least Essett came prepared to win and thus further his career. The referee was Larry Barrett.

The show opened with a bristling six that had Sebastian Wilburn, 134, Detroit, defeat Kenneth Kidd, 136, Baltimore via a split decision. Kidd looked strong in the first two rounds, but Wilburn weathered the storm and then proceeded to rally and carry the last few rounds, thus proving that the sport of boxing is as much a case of wanting it as it is of ability.

The referee was Milton Greene. Scoring: Harry Cecchini, 59-55, and Larry Barrett, 58-56; both for Wilburn, while Ray Klingmeyer tabbed it 58-56 for Kidd. *The Ring* agreed with Barrett.

Chuck Sturm, 139, Baltimore, was dealt some bad luck as he suffered a TKO loss at 1:59 of Round Three to Willie Taylor, 140, Falls Church, VA. The switch-hitting Taylor was dropped in the first of this scheduled six, but in Round Two Sturm received a badly cut left eyelid and by the next round the eye was closing. The doctor took a long look and waved it over. Sturm was leading in Round Two when he got cut and then proceeded to give ground. Ref, Greene.

Eddie Van Kirk, 143, Baltimore, won by TKO at 1:53 of the first over someone billed as Stanford Thomas, 145, Phila. It was not the Stanford Thomas I know. This guy at least came to fight and he was down twice legitimately before referee Greene stopped this scheduuled six.

Bobby Brown, 146, DC, won this scheduled four when he was awarded a TKO win over Girard Jordan, 145, Baltimore at 1:19 of the first.

The tall and quick-handed Brown put Jordan down twice. Ref, Barrett.

In a ladies bout, Del "LaRose" Pettis, 126½, Falls Church, VA., was just too aggressive for gutty "Tough" Toni Rodriguez, 135½, York, Pa., as she took a unanimous decision over five two-minute rounds. It was all action from start to finish and had Toni not had some equipment problems (bra strap constantly slipping), she may have been able to pull this one out. Scores: Cecchini, 48-47; Klingmayer, 49-46, and Greene, 49-46.

Promoter: Century Boxing Association (Yama DeFelice and sons Ralph and Bruce).
(6-3-87)

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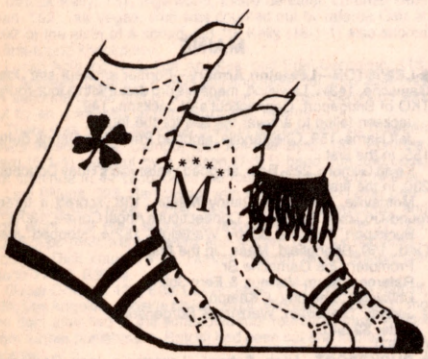

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MASSACHUSETTS

▶**FALL RIVER—Driscoll Arena**—Local hero David Gauvin returned home from his training base with the Houston Boxing Association for a 10-rounder against George Evans, from Albany, Oregon. Gauvin, 117, became an amateur star in New England and still can draw a crowd on his more or less annual showcases. Evans, 119, gave Gauvin a spirited battle until the seventh round when a clash of heads opened a nasty eye cut, leading to an eventual stoppage. Gauvin's seventh-round TKO win keeps his unbeaten string intact at 15-0.

The undercard was slated for five bouts, but three of those fell apart at the last moment. As a result, Rockland, Mass. light heavyweight Marty Foley agreed to extend his pro debut from four to six rounds. Foley outslugged Trenton, N.J.'s Tim Richardson for a unanimous decision, with both boxers weighing 172.

A four-rounder opened the card, featuring Fall River's John Sylvester. Teka Singh, 118, Schenectady, N.Y., ruined the local boy's debut by taking a decision win from Sylvester, also 118.

Promoter: H & K Promotions (Henry Servant).
Referees: Richard Flaherty did the main event, with Clarence Yates working the two preliminaries.
Judges: Don O'Neill & Ray Delicio.
Timer: Mauro Consiglio.
Physician: Dr. Francis Wixted.
Attendance: 400 (est.).
(5-21-87)

JAY N. MILLER

MICHIGAN

▶**SAGINAW—Civic Arena**—Art Dore, entrepreneur and boxing promoter, has a new, rising star in the person of 19-year-old Billy Young, who pleased a crowd of 2,000 with a unanimous decision over Jeff Graves.

The victory left the young slugger 16-0 and in position for tougher opposition as Dore grooms the 135-pounder for championship competition. Graves saw his record dip to 12-2.

Matchmaker Lindy Lindell put together a crowd-pleasing, six-bout card featuring Dore's stable, including the pro debut of "The Polish Prince," Mark Andrejewski, 126. The opponent was Kenny Washington, 126, who was also making his pro debut. "The Prince" established his credibility with a second-round KO at 1:41, using body shots followed by three right crosses to Washington's head.

The undercard also provided the enthusiastic crowd with four other KO performances.

Monty Oswald, 174½, upped his record to 12-4 with a fifth-round TKO over James Robertson, 173. Dr. Wendell Harris stopped the contest at 2:54 when a gash opened over the left eye of Robertson, who fell to 3-3.

Local favorite Al Laddie, 161, evened his log at 4-4-1 with a first-round demolition of Anthony Jackson, 155, who fell to 1-2. Left leads to the body followed by right crosses had Jackson down twice before referee Hugh Smithers counted him out at 2:33.

Karl Hines, 141, improved to 3-2 with a potent combination of right uppercuts and crosses that stopped Tyrone Rogers, 138, at 1:23 of the first. Rogers is 0-2.

Leo Parks, 123, used classic left jabs followed by overhand rights to stop Richard Campbell, 119, at 1:15 of Round Two in the opener. Parks is 1-1, Campbell 4-4-1.

Referees: Spencer Carpenter & Smithers.
Judges Kim Hyldahl, Mary Chantaca & Al Kanpuk.
Announcers: Murray Sutherland & Bob Arsenault.
Timekeeper: Bev Richards.
(5-29-87)

TOM PARUSZKIEWICZ

▶**STERLING HEIGHTS—Premier Center**—Tuning up for a promised June contest for the WBC Continental Americas super bantamweight championship, 1984 Olympic Gold Medal winner Steve McCrory, 124, Detroit MI, won a one-sided, 10-round decision over Jorge Rodriguez, 124¾, Los Angeles CA. McCrory improved his record to 15-2-1 with a lopsided 100-90, 100-90 and 100-82 (Moses Nicholson must have went to the Larry Hazzard school of scoring) to gain his fourth straight win under promoter Johnny Ace since leaving Emanual Steward. Referee Dale Grable.

The second half of the night's double feature had Michigan cruiserweight champion Spencer "The Warrior" Chavis, 186, Dearborn Hgts. MI, pounding on Dawud Shaw, 186, Philadelphia, PA, for four rounds. Shaw, who was knocked down by a hard right hand in the second, refused to answer the bell for the fifth round and quit sitting in the corner. Chavis improved his record to 23-2 with the TKO win. Scheduled 10-rounder, referee Bob Fischer.

A real slugfest was won by Ellery "ET" Thomas, 145, Detroit MI, when he took a six-round decision over Johnny "Slow Poke" Herron, 141, Kansas City MO. Thomas, 6-0, got a real shock in the opening round when Herron decked him with an overhand right and had him in serious trouble. Thomas overcame the first and dropped Herron in the second going on to take a 58-54, 59-55 & 58-54 decision. Referee Fischer.

In another six-round war, Tom "Boom Boom" Johnson, 126, Evansville IN, who fights out of Detroit, won a hard-fought decision over gutsy Vincent Gonzales, 126¼, Los Angeles CA. Johnson, with a pro log of 6-0, took all three scorecards 59-55 in a closer than the scoring indicated contest. Referee Grable.

Fred "The Tank" Adams had blossomed to 135 lbs in his last contest four months earlier and lost a decision to Carlos Bates. After the four-month layoff, Adams, Henderson KY, returned to the ring a more natural 123 pounds and looked much better as he scored a six-round, split decision victory over David Natera, 122¼, Phoenix AZ. Adams goes to 7-1-1 with the victory that had him capture two scorecards 58-57 and 58-56 in the obvious win, while Nicholson had it 58-57 for Natera. Referee Grable.

The speedy Ronnie Byrd, 126¾, Flint MI, improved his record to 10-0-1 with a six-round decision over Raul Pineda, 130¾, Phoenix AZ, taking the cards 59-54, 57-56 and 59-51 (who else? Moses Nicholson). Byrd lost a point for hitting on the break in the fourth as referee Fischer had to take control of the fight that was getting out of hand with both of the fighters hitting on the breaks. It just happened that it was Byrd doing it this time.

Returning to the ring after more than a year layoff, Dwayne Peterson, 142, Detroit MI, had to get off the canvas in the second canto and come back to win a four-round decision (38-36, 39-37, 39-37) over Marcel Suttington, 138¼, Kansas City, MO, to open the boxing card. Referee Grable.

Promoter: ABC Promotions Inc.
Matchmaker: Bojack Magum.
Chief Inspector: James Cullen.
Referees: Dale Grable & Bob Fischer.
Judges: John Chaulk, Nafeya Jomie & Moses Nicholson.
Announcer: Jim Ingram.
(5-19-87)

▶**DETROIT—Cobo Arena**—One Kronk fighter who seldom travels north to Detroit for action, Jesse Benevides, 123½, Corpus Christi TX, headlined this month's Ringside Production card only to perform before a very small audience on a card that was not advertised at all. Benevides improved his record to 17-0 stopping veteran Hector Cortez, 124, Los Angeles CA at 2:54 of the fifth canto. The southpaw from Texas had controlled most of the fight by staying aggressive and being the busier of the two fighters when a ripping right hand sent Cortez to the canvas in the fifth and brought about the end of the contest. Scheduled 10 rounds, referee Sam Williams.

Most of the fans at this card were fans of Phillip "The Michigan Assassin" Morefield, 158, from nearby Warren MI. They were very vocal as they watched their favorite destroy Mario Davis, 156, Buffalo NY, knocking him out at 0:36 of the second stanza. Morefield, 15-0-1, caught Davis, 5-3, moving into a big left hook in both the first and the second round and dropped him, the second time for the count. Scheduled eight, ref Bob Watson.

Roke Harris, 172, Pontiac MI, celebrating his birthday by moving his record over the .500 mark, knocking out debuting Ken Mulligan, 176, Benton Harbor MI, at 2:35 of the third round. Harris, 3-2, dropped Mulligan in the opening round with a big right and used the same weapon to put Mulligan away. Scheduled four, referee Williams.

Detroiter Stanley Longstreet, 139, spoiled the debut of another youngster Robert Briggs, 140, Youngstown OH, after he knocked him down with a right, left, right combination that led referee Watson to step in and stop the contest at 2:34 of the third round of the scheduled four. The win improved Longstreet's pro log to 4-0.

In a premiere of two young fighters, Randy Farley, 138¾, Waterford MI, won his first with a four-round stoppage of David Timberlake, 140, Michigan City IN, only 26 seconds into the final round. Williams was the referee.

The card opener was the only bout to go the distance as Leland Hardy, 195½, Detroit MI, and Bruce Johnson, 197, Youngstown OH, battled to a four-round, majority draw. One judge had it for Hardy 39-37, while the other two agreed at 38-38. The Detroiter was caught with a hard combination in the second that sent him to the canvas with a swollen right eye and bleeding from the mouth, but he pulled himself up and got back into the fight. Hardy is 1-1-1. Referee, Watson.

Promoter: Ringside Productions Inc.
Matchmaker: Tommy Vacca.
Chief Inspector: Ted Kuzemka.
Referees: Bob Watson & Sam Williams.
Judges: Cynthia Wrobel, Randy Ericson & H. McKalpin Jr.
Announcer: Wally Jackson.
Timekeeper: Ken Pace.
(5-29-87)

DAVE HARTOON

▶**DETROIT—Chene Park**—The first of a series of Miller Lite and Little Caesars outdoor boxing shows was held on the riverfront in the heart of downtown Detroit, with 5,420 in attendance.

Former NABF champion David Braxton, 158¾, topped the card, the Detroit middleweight stopping Greg Taylor, Westlake, Louisiana, 158, on a seventh-round TKO.

Braxton forced Taylor to take a standing eight in the second round, but later in that session received a nasty cut above the right eye. He overcame the handicap, though, finally forcing referee Spence Carpenter to call a halt at 1:44 of the seventh.

Another middleweight, Darnell Knox, 160, of Highland Park, Michigan, was also victorious, stopping Lalo Capetillio, 156½, of Tyler, Texas in the fifth.

Knox dropped his foe twice before the match was stopped at 2:37.

Arthel Lawhorne, "The Junkyard Dog," was a last-minute replacement for Booker T. Word against Bowie, Maryland's Mike Lee. That was bad news for Lee, 176, who was stopped in just 1:43 when Lawhorne, 179½, landed a three-punch combo followed by two left hooks.

Rokie Harris, 173, Detroit, stopped Terry Clay, 172, Coldwater, Michigan at 2:39 of the first.

Lee Lamphere, 162, Waterford, Michigan, stopped Ken Kirkwood, 162, Ypsilanti, Michigan, at 2:48 of the fifth.

Promoter: Ringside Productions, Inc.
(6-12-87)

NEBRASKA

▶**LINCOLN—Pershing Auditorium**—The ever-busy Harold Brazier of South Bend, Indiana chalked up another victory when he stopped Commerce City, Colorado's Don Marshall at 2:10 of the fifth round.

Brazier, the NABF's junior welterweight champ, used a strong body attack to drop Marshall once in the fourth and three times in the final session.

The victory left Brazier 45-7-1 with 32 knockouts. He was

named NABF "Fighter of the Year."

"An award like this will put me in the eyes of the people who sanction the title bouts," said Brazier. "This award is the greatest thrill of my career so far, but I'm still waiting for the title shot. I think being able to adjust to different fighters and taking advantage of their weaknesses is my biggest asset. It shows championship potential."

Omaha welterweight Nicky Miller reversed a KO loss to Lincoln's Ray Menefee with a split, 10-round decision. The 27-year-old Miller dropped Menefee in the first and ninth rounds and added a standing eight in the 10th. Menefee, who asked for a third match with Miller, said he had not trained immediately prior to the fight as his sister had been killed in an auto accident just 10 days previous.

Lincoln's Carlos Santisevan took a unanimous, five-round verdict from Omaha's Jesse Abrams.

Doug Kaluza of Lincoln scored a unanimous, five-round nod over Chicago's Jimmy Stevens.

Promoter: Rick Parker.

Attendance: 870.

(6-12-87)

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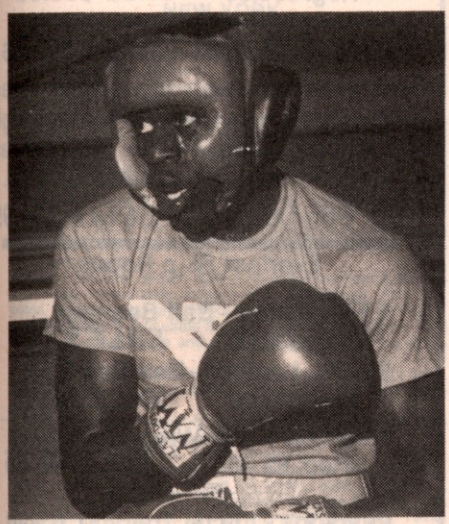


Roger Mayweather (above) resumed his rollercoaster career with a fourth-round TKO over late sub Frankie Davis in Las Vegas.

▶**LAS VEGAS—Showboat**—How serious is Roger Mayweather about the future? Well, the former World Boxing Association junior lightweight champion was back in the gym preparing for his next bout a week after scoring one of the most impressive knockouts of his rollercoaster career.

The 26-year-old Mayweather was scheduled to face Joe Manley earlier in the summer at Atlantic City but whatever the outcome it would be hard to surpass Roger's venture into the junior welterweight division at the Showboat Hotel-Casino.

In Top Rank's 10-round, ESPN main event, Mayweather, 139½, erased Reno's Frankie Davis, 144, at 55 seconds into the fourth round. The adopted Las Vegan out of Grand Rapids, Mich., lifted his record to 27-5, 18 KOs and picked up a $1,000 bonus from Top Rank's Bob Arum when he agreed to permit Davis to come in over the original contract at 140-141.

"It wasn't a gift because I was giving up five pounds to an experienced fighter. I wouldn't do that with Manley because he's a former International Boxing Federation 140-pound champion."

Mayweather has sometimes been criticized for trying to take an opponent out with one punch. He displayed that tendency in the opening round when he hurt Davis with a booming right hand and added two more before the bell to leave Frankie's left eye swelling underneath.

Mayweather was completely in charge from the outset, sticking and moving but rarely employing more than one shot at a time in the second and third rounds.

Davis, whose ledger dipped to 17-5-2, nine KOs, fell into jeopardy early in the fourth round when Mayweather was accurate with a right to the jaw. The Reno boxer reeled back into the ropes and dropped his hands. Mayweather hesitated for an instant, later admitting he thought referee Davey Pearl "was going to stop the fight."

Roger shot another right and Davis was down near the ropes. Rising on unsteady legs at Pearl's count of "eight," the dazed fighter couldn't get his hands up as Mayweather finished the evening with a seven-punch volley to the head. Pearl halted the action before Davis went down again.

"I felt good at 140 pounds and I'm gonna stay a junior welter unless somebody offers an awfully good purse to come down again," Mayweather admitted. "When I lost to Pernell Whitaker in March in Norfolk, I couldn't hardly make the weight and I was zapped. I feel now I should have been where I am now all along. It's more my natural weight.

"When I dropped Whitaker with a right in the ninth round, I was so weak, I couldn't put him away. My legs were gone and I couldn't get back on top of him. I was just going on instinct, on heart."

Jesse Reid, who trained Roger when he won the WBA 130-pound title from Sammy Serrano on an eighth-round TKO Jan. 19, 1983 in San Juan was back working for manager Billy Baxter.

"At this weight, Roger has his full power. He was just too weak against Whitaker," Reid explained. "I want Mayweather to group his punches more . . . he should have taken Davis out quick, but he was in charge and he played with him. Overall, we're pleased with the performance."

On regaining a title, Mayweather added: "I realize nothing comes easy . . . that's the way it is in the boxing world. You've got to have that competitive spirit to stay with the best. All that matters is how bad you want to be champion."

In a 10-round semifinal, radar-punching Lupe Miranda, 128¾, Fort Worth, came up with a top effort when he gained a TKO victory over Juan Cantu, 128, Oxnard, Calif., who couldn't answer the bell for the seventh round.

Miranda relied on a steady body attack and an assortment of hooks and uppercuts to wear down the game but outpunched Cantu. It was the promising Texan's best local effort, moving his record to 12-1, 10 KOs. Miranda's lone defeat was a 10-round decision to undefeated Genaro Hernandez last Sept. 12 at the Sahara Hotel-Casino.

By actual count, Miranda scored effectively on 126 punches in his attack for a 7-1 ratio. Although he never dropped Cantu, Lupe had his man on the verge of a stoppage in the fifth round, prompting ringside physician Dr. Flip Homansky to halt the bout before the seventh round.

Akeem Anifowoshe, 117, a Nigerian fighting out of Las Vegas, made it 4-0 when he stopped Alex Perez, 115½, Santa Ana, Calif., at 1:11 of the second round of a slated six-rounder.

Bronco Billy Wright, 228, West Jordan, Utah, is 6-0, four KOs when Phoenix's Tom Covington, 160½, could not answer the bell for the second round in a sixer.

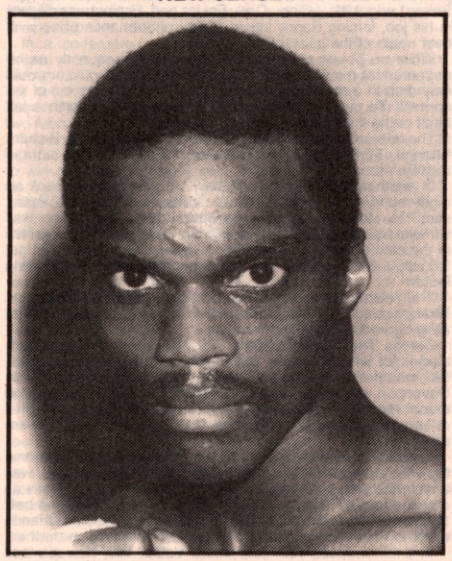
Israel Cole, 160¾, Las Vegas, moved to 7-3-1, four KOs after winning a hard-fought, four-round decision over tough Dominic Parker, 250, San Diego, Calif. The latter slipped to 4-2, two KOs.

Rene Marino, 155½, made his pro debut with a TKO over Joel Gonzalez, 151½, Los Angeles, at 1:49 of the second in the walkout four-rounder.

(5-14-87)

JACK WELSH

NEW JERSEY



John Wesley Meekins (above) survived a fifth-round knockdown to win a unanimous 10-round decision over Robert Guy in a bout between classy prospects in Atlantic City.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l**—Two highly regarded young prospects, John Meekins and Robert Guy, met in a straight-forward clash of abilities, without frills or subterfuge. Guy, 139½, Ft. Worth, an unbeaten former national Golden Gloves champion, performed with classy, fluid boxing. But Meekins, 141, NYC, showed he could box, too. Plus, he held a decided edge in firepower. The bout started slowly, as a chess match, with the crowd becoming restless. But by the fifth, the fighters had warmed to the task, with Meekins on the attack. A chopping, inside right staggered Guy, but as John Wesley went for the finisher, the Texan set and fired a beautiful combination. A left hook to the ribs and short right to the chin surprised Meekins onto the seat of his pants. But while he's shown he can be hurt, Meekins has also shown he can get out of it. John exhibited grace under pressure and backed Robert off with a snapping right uppercut.

In the next round, the New Yorker gained complete command. A scorching body attack hairpinned Guy until another short, chopping right floored him. The Texan sustained a bloody nose and folded to his knees again following a right uppercut. The New Yorker continued a merciless pressure through the seventh, but Guy fought back with determination. The effort saved him a knockout as Meekins rolled to a unanimous verdict. Richard F. Murry scored 98-92, Frank Cairo 98-90, and Milo Savage 97-93. Ref, Joe Cortez.

The co-feature was as dismal as the main was laudable. An untidy 10 had Miguel "El Zorro" Santana, 137¼, NYC, showing none of the grace of his nickname as he won a unanimous decision over Anthony Fletcher, 137, Phila. Miguel looked more like a "cucaracha" struggling in the sand as arms and legs flailed forlornly. Admittedly, it was more Fletcher's fault as Anthony has shown an inability to finish what he starts of late. Fletcher couldn't control the pace and tired quickly as enough of Santana's rimshots got through to deal him a pasting. Milo voted an astonishingly charitable 97-95, while the others had 98-92. Ref, Joe O'Neil.

"Rip" Rettig, 147½, Bayonne, likewise drubbed "Bingo" Dickerson, 147½, Indianapolis, by unanimous decision in eight, but similarities ended there. Bingo stood up and took his medicine like a man as the relentless Rettig outscored him in spirited exchanges that brought sustained applause from the fans. Ref, Cortez.

Roosevelt "Rooster" Brown, 147½, Benton Harbor, MI, appeared to have been earning his nickname in place of training as he could hurt, but barely finish "Delicious" Derrick Davenport, 145¾, Jersey City. In every round, the switch-hitting Brown would stun Davenport with left crosses, then begin dropping his arms and bicycling to let the game Derrick back in the fight. Finally, a weary Davenport crumbled in the sixth and final round for a TKO at 1:03. Ref, O'Neil.

Promoter: Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).

Matchmaker: Teddy Brenner & Bruce Trampler.

Attendance: 650 (est.).

Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert.

Announcer: Mike Buffer.

(6-23-87)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l**—Title-bound Frankie Randall was nearly embarrassed by a kid still new to 10-round main events. Although he didn't win, Tim "Zoom-Bang" Burgess, 135, Brooklyn, made Randall, 136, Morristown, Tenn., run a gauntlet of jeers from angry fans that were more damaging than Tim's fists. Known as "The Surgeon," Randall had been surgically sharp in carving up recent patients. But Burgess, with a slap-dash, jack-in-the-box style, dulled his scalpel and exposed his stitches. In a grinding bore, the spoiler started with a game of hide-&-seek as fans hooted Frankie's inability to apply the tag. After finding himself still around in the second half, Tim gained confidence with some flashy, sweeping slaps. Starved for action, fans started thinking upset, but it was too little, too late. Frankie won by scores of 96-95 from Thomas Kaczmarek, 96-94 from Al DeVito and 99-92 from John Stewart. Still, Burgess shows signs of becoming the kind of masterful tactician that purists, and only purists, love. Frank Cappuccino refereed.

Alex Medel went even further than Tim in exposing Canadian Olympian Wayne Gordon. Medel, 146½, Sunrise, Fla., was hit hard and often in the first and was lucky to get out of the round. But he regrouped to whack Gordon, 148, Halifax, Nova Scotia, for an upset, majority win, eight. In bitterly contested infighting throughout, Medel simply had the sharper hands. Wayne tried frantically to pull it out with a kamikaze assault in the late rounds, but Alex stood up under the pressure to win by scores of 77-75 from Stewart and Kaczmarek, while DeVito had 96-96. Ref, Steve Smoger.

A battle of explosive punchers turned into a crude clubbing match as Anthony "Nightmare" Pearson, 140½, Paterson, drubbed Khalif Shabazz, 148½, Hartford, by unanimous decision, eight. Pearson, who seems to have lost the snap in his punches, unceremoniously bludgeoned Shabazz to the floor in the third. Khalif turned survivor after that and managed to stay upright, although Anthony whacked away like he was chopping a tree. Ref, Cappuccino.

Hassan Shabazz, 239½, Hartford, was just too big and strong for Traore Ali, 198½, Bamako, Mali, via Luxembourg via NYC. Traore was attacking like he was storming up "Pork Chop Hill" when blasted to the floor by a right and TKO'd when the doctor wouldn't permit him out for the third of six. Ref, Smoger.

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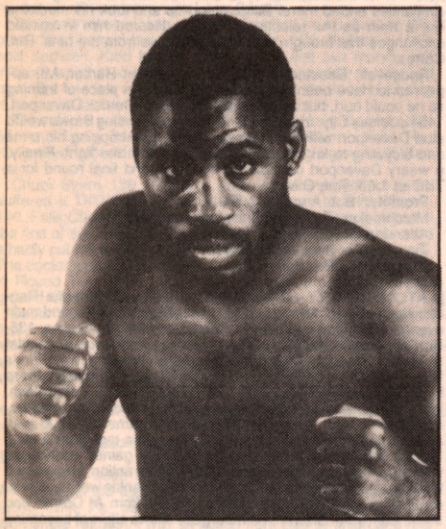
In an undisciplined mess, Antonio DeBarros, 135¼, Cape Verde Is. via Hillcrest Hgts., MD, swung for the rafters, but connected on Ray Doughty, 135¼, Waterbury, CT. Ray was dropped in the first and last to lose a unanimous decision, four. Ref, Smoger.

Promoter: Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).
Matchmaker: Teddy Brenner & Bruce Trampler.
Attendance: 800 (est.).
Timekeeper: Justin Bucanico.
Announcer: Mike Buffer.
(6-9-87)



Marvis Frazier, making his first start since losing to Mike Tyson, stopped mismatched Tom Fisher in the second round in Secaucus.

▶**SECAUCUS—Hilton**—Marvis Frazier certainly deserved to be "eased back in" to competition after what Mike Tyson did to him. But returning against Tom "Rough House" Fisher provided about as much of a workout as a tough day in his limo business. Marvis, 214, Phila., was able to dust off the dusted-off Fisher, 217, W. Carrollton, OH, at will as fans derided Tom's aged appearance. The Ohioan was belabored to the body, dropping twice in lieu of anything else to do, before ref Vinnie Rainone saw enough and halted the scheduled 10 at 2:47 of the second. The bout topped a modest buffet-&-boxing card at a posh hotel ballroom, which also marked the return of promoter Murad Muhammad to his home state.

Pat Prisco, 163, Madison, shellacked Jerome Johnson, 159, Pleasantville, via unanimous decision in a lively, but one-sided eight. Pat's work ethic kept Jerome too busy ducking to mount a serious threat of his own. Ref, Rainone.

Whereas Prisco-Johnson was lively but not competitive, the eight between Donald Johnson, 159½, Brooklyn, and Eric Holland, 158½, Phila., was competitive, but dull. Despite suffering a flash knockdown in the fourth, the shifty Johnson generally outboxed the straight-ahead Holland. But he did it in such a negative fashion, acting to squelch the action that Holland was trying to promote, that the judges took it from him. Eugene Grant voted 78-73 and John Poturaj 79-73 for Eric, while Ron Burns had a more educated 76-76. Ref, Paul Venti.

Mikey "Likes It" Duzant, 143, Staten I., was too much for raw Eddie Bulal, 147, Monte Carlo, flooring him in the first and last while waltzing to a unanimous win, four. Ref, Venti.

Lanky Franklin Reid, 164, Bklyn., beat the devil out of comebacking Reggie "The Devil" Moore, 165, Pt. Pleasant, dropping him in the second and having him out on his feet at 2:19 of the third, scheduled four. Ref, Venti.

Promoter: 3M Promotions.
Matchmaker: Al Certo.
Attendance: 300, $8000 (est.).
Timekeeper: Justin Bucanico.
Announcer: Ron Scott Stevens.
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(6-1-87)

J.R. JOWETT

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina**—Joe Louis Manley, 142¼, Detroit, was looking for bigger fish to fry in his initial outing since losing his IBF belt, but he had to make do with Martin Quiroz, 143, San Jose, Ca., instead of his original opponent, Roger Mayweather, who begged off because of injury. As it was, Manley nearly got himself cooked, escaping with a rather close, but unanimous decision in 10 over his gritty but far less talented foe.

Joe came out of the gate with malice afore-thought and preceded to pop the jab and rifle home the combinations. It looked like an early night. Meanwhile, the squat and crude and oh so limited Martin could only manage some infrequent rib cage tattooing and a sampling of booming overhand rights to stay in the hunt. Persistence, if not imagination, nearly got him the kill late in the fifth when he tagged Joe with that above mentioned wild right. With but precious seconds ticking away, he couldn't quite put it together for the finisher.

Manley bailed out of the action in the quiet sixth, seizing upon the uncertainty of Quiroz while he had the advantage. This free time enabled Joe to pull himself together and take rounds seven and eight. Quiroz, sensing the fight slipping away, took to more positive rushes to out-maul Manley in the last two heats, alas falling short of victory.

Scores: Charlie Spina, 96-94. Eva Shain, 95-94. Richard F. Murry, 97-94. Only Shain gave Quiroz a 10-8 edge in the fifth, as did *The Ring*, which scored the bout 95-95.

In a cracker-jack eight, undefeated Vinnie Burgese, 140, Phila., took a split decision over switch-hitting Victor Davis, 141, of Mitchelville, Md. Burgese started off with a strong, two-fisted attack, but then Davis got his act together and took control through most of the middle rounds. His way with the ring looked to be getting the edge of the stronger Philadelphian and only a pressing last round enabled Vinnie to pull this one out.

Shain saw it 78-74, Burgese. Murry had it 78-75, Burgese, while Spina's card read 77-75 for Davis. *The Ring* breakdown was 77-76 for Burgese, and he got it on the strength of that busy eighth round. The referee was Tony Orlando.

Southpaw Jon Bacote, 138¼, E. Orange, NJ, won by KO at 2:15 of the sixth and final round over previously unbeaten (now 4-1) Len Bainbridge, 140, Reading, Pa. Bacote dominated the first two rounds, but Len started his own rally and seemed to be taking control when he was nailed by one straight left hand to put him down for the count of referee Orlando.

Joe "Bad Boy" Aloisio, 126, NYC, took a four-round, unanimous decision over the debuting southpaw, Sigmund Alexander, 127, NYC. There were no knockdowns, though Alexander was hurt in Round One. Scores: Both Murry and Shain had it 40-36, while Spina saw it 40-37. The ref was Ted Pick.

The switch-hitting Ralph Rosario, 115, The Bronx, survived a first-round knockdown to somehow salvage a four-round draw in his pro debut against Sal LaQuatra, 114, Pittsburgh. Scores: Murry 38-38. Spina 39-37, LaQuatra, and Shain 38-37, Rosario. Ref; Orlando.

Promoter: HBA.
Matchmaker: Ron Katz.
Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker.
(6-14-87)

▶**EAST RUTHERFORD—Meadowlands Sheraton**—Dinner boxing at its best? Not quite, but passable. The food was excellent, the singing and dancing forgettable, while the fights got a B minus.

An eight-round makeshift top had Eusebio Espinal, 124, Santo Domingo, D.R., now residing in Jersey City, NJ, for training purposes, take a one-sided, unanimous decision over opponent-type Sonny Long, 123½, Cinn., Ohio. For his part, Espinal was diligent in his job, forcing Sonny into a cloudy performance of survival over much of the later rounds.

While no power puncher, Eusebio scored frequently as he peppered his man with pretty combinations. Long could or would only drop in a stray right hand to get off the ropes or out of the corners. To cap the evening, Espinal floored Long with a left hook in the final round.

The referee was Tony Perez. Scores: Al DeVito, 79-72, Richard Strange, 77-74, and Frank Brunette, 79-71. *The Ring* agreed with DeVito.

In another bout, Alphonso Bailey, 155, Jersey City, took an eight-round, majority decision over James Morgan, 153½, Paterson, NJ. While there were no knockdowns, the action was stimulating. Morgan, hurt by a big right hand in the third, rallied in the next two rounds to let the fans know that they would get full value. Bailey's edge in quickness looked to be the deciding factor.

The referee was Tony Orlando. Scores: Both Brunette and Strange saw it 77-75 for Bailey, while DeVito called it 76-76. *The Ring* agreed with the first two.

Dennis "The Magician" Milton, 159, The Bronx, won this scheduled eight when Thomas Davenport, 160½, Montgomery, W. Va., was not allowed to continue at 1:55 of the seventh. While Davenport was never down, beach-ball soft Milton was just too much. His own corner man got up on the ring apron to signal referee Perez to stop it, which he did. Three cheers for Davenport's people.

In a battle of sparring partners, Hector Rosario, 165, The Bronx, took this scheduled eight when John Davis, 164, Brooklyn, was unable to come out for Round Three. It goes into the books as a second-round TKO for Rosario. They came to rumble as best they could. While Davis was down in each round, referee Orlando ruled no knockdowns. The out of shape Davis could go no further.

In a minor upset, southpaw Jesus Velez, 150, Newark, took a six-round, unanimous decision over fellow leftie Walter Houston, 155, S.I., NY. The bout started slowly, but then "Two Gun" Houston got out-shot by Velez when it counted to nip the win by scores of 58-57 from both DeVito and Strange and 58-56 from Brunette. *The Ring* saw it 57-57.

Bouts involving Greg Everette and Tracy Spann could not go on when the proper opponents could not be located in time.

Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker.
Announcer: Mike Buffer.
Promoter: Mustapha Corp. (Jim Wiley).
Matchmaker: Don Elbaum.
(6-5-87)

JACK OBERMAYER

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Convention Hall**—The undercard of the Michael Spinks-Gerry Cooney show:

Former WBA lightweight champion Ras-I Aluja (formerly Livingstone) Bramble, 138, Hampton Township, N.J., scored a fifth-round TKO over John Kahlbenn, 137, Toronto, Canada in a scheduled 10.

Bramble won as he pleased to tally his first win since losing the crown to Edwin Rosario. The face-first Kahlbenn wasn't much of a test and Bramble battered him in practically every round. The victory raised Bramble's log to 25-2 with 16 KOs, while Kahlbenn slipped to 15-4-2 with five KOs.

Carlos Hernandez, 215, Union City, N.J., was disqualified 27 seconds into the seventh round of his scheduled 10 with Razor Ruddock when he took a swing at referee Joe O'Neil. Ruddock, 216½, Toronto, appeared to be winning the tepid encounter when both men fell to the canvas in a tangle early in the seventh

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after Hernandez missed a haymaker. Carlos became angry when O'Neil prevented him from getting up by pushing down on the back of his neck. While it is difficult to figure what the referee had in mind, it all became academic when Hernandez jumped up and landed a left to O'Neil's ample neck.

Elijah Tillery, 203, Albany, N.Y., won a unanimous, eight-round decision over Dorcey Gaymon, 224½, Jacksonville, Florida, in a lacklustre affair.

Glen Thomas, 155¼, Wilmington, Del., stopped Kenny Butler, 154¾, Boston, at 2:12 of the sixth round of a scheduled eight. Thomas raised his record to 11-0 with 11 KOs. Butler dropped to 21-6 with 10 KOs.

Pete "The Pugilistic Preacher" Ludwinski, 216¾, Long Island, N.Y., provided the evening's comic relief with a second-round kayo over Barry Forbes, 238, Winnipeg, Canada. After every victory, Ludwinski (now 8-1) falls to his knees and praises God for his success in the most exaggerated manner possible. However, cagey matchmaking, not divine intervention, should be credited for most of Pete's wins.

Promoter: Butch Lewis Productions.
(6-8-87)

NIGEL COLLINS

NEW YORK

▶**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—With only 18 fights to his credit, Chris Reid found himself being seriously considered for a light heavyweight title shot.

Such is the price boxing pays for multiple champions and watered-down ratings.

Reid, from Little Silver, N.J., waved his undefeated record in front of 34-year-old Fulgencio Obelmejias, and the Caracas, Venezuelan veteran was more than happy to punch holes through Reid's title aspirations.

Obelmejias, 172½, knocked out twice by Marvin Hagler in futile tries for Hagler's middleweight championship, dropped Reid eight times—six were counted as official knockdowns—en route to scoring a TKO at 1:01 of the 10th and final round. The victory was KO 41 in the 49-4 record of Obelmejias, while Reid fell to 17-1-1 with 16 KOs.

When a left hook decked Reid, 172, in the final round, referee Luis Rivera immediately called a halt. Surprisingly, Reid protested. More surprisingly, the loser had good reason to object. Under this state's antiquated system of scoring by rounds, Reid was ahead on two cards and even on the third when the action was halted.

"Every time I got knocked down, I was ready to go right back, including the last time," said Reid. "I feel he should have let me continue."

What would have happened had the bout concluded with Reid getting the decision is anyone's guess.

James "Buddy" McGirt, 139½, Brentwood, N.Y., is another whose name is being mentioned as a possible title contender. McGirt, unlike Reid, has earned the status, putting together a 33-1-1 record with 28 KOs. The latest stoppage came at 2:28 of the second round when Sergio Aguirre of Harlingen, Texas was dropped twice by left hooks. Aguirre, 140, didn't get up the second time, suffering his eighth loss against 24 wins.

Selden, N.Y.'s Kevin Moley, 160, may have reached the end of the trail at 27. Moley, stopped in the first by Richard Burton last year, suffered his third loss against 28 wins (24 KOs) when unheralded Ricky Stackhouse, 159, of Atlanta finished him at 47 seconds of the 10th frame in a scheduled 12 for the vacant WBC Continental Americas middleweight championship.

Stackhouse, who hadn't fought since being stopped by Frank Tate 14 months previous, ripped into Moley from the first bell, cutting his left eye in the first round and dropping him in the fourth. Moley rallied from the seventh to the ninth, but Stackhouse hurt him with a left and two rights as the 10th started, and referee Al LoBianco waved off the visitor. At the finish, Moley was also bleeding from the right eye and from the nose.

Stackhouse improved his record to 17-4 with nine KOs. As for retirement, Moley said, "I'll take a rest and think about it."

Jackie Beard, 131, Jackson, Tennessee, also shook off a layoff to emerge a winner, posting a unanimous, eight-round decision over Richie Otero, 130½, Brooklyn. Beard, 29-3 with 17 KOs, took scores of 5-3 (twice) and 6-2 as Otero fell to 6-6 with five knockouts.

Gino Gelormino, 132½, Levittown, N.Y., appeared sharp in winning a unanimous, eight-round verdict over Baltimore's Donnie Parker, 132. Gelormino, 22-1 with 15 KOs, took scores of 7-1 on all three cards. Parker is 5-9-1 with three KOs.

Tim Moley, 140, Selden, N.Y., took scores of 6-2 (twice) and 5-3 in improving his mark to 11-5-2 with four KOs with an eight-round decision over Hopatcong, New Jersey's Don Cioffi, who fell to 4-5 with one KO.

Manhattan's Jorge Rivas, 126, scored the third KO in his 4-0 record, a third-round stoppage of Baltimore's Floyd Simmons, 124½, who slipped to 3-5 with one KO.

Ricardo Cepeda, 120, Bronx, registered a four-round shutout on all cards in beating Schenectady's Teeka Singh, 116½. Cepeda is 2-0-1 with one KO, Singh 5-3 with two KOs.

Brooklyn's Alex Stewart, 218, made his mark 3-0 with two KOs, stopping Jim Little, 249, Peoria, Illinois, in just 2:20. Little had won his three previous starts by knockout.

Attendance: 3,169.
(6-18-87)

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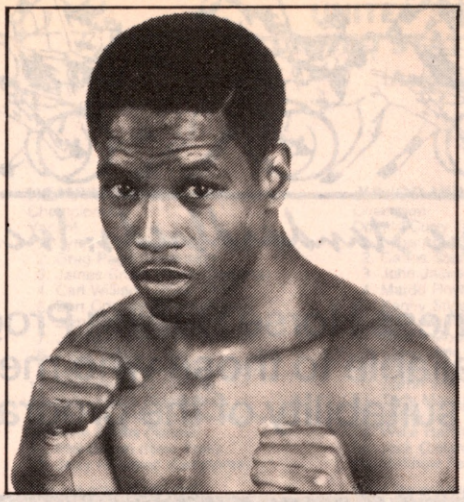

Tyrone Crawley returned to action as a welter with a tough 10-round decision over Ali Karim Muhammad in New York's Felt Forum.

▶**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Former featherweight pretender Juan LaPorte of Brooklyn headlined a seven-bout card here with a second-round kayo of Washington D.C.-based journeyman Jocko King. LaPorte (131) won an uneventful first round, then stepped up the pace in the second and landed a thunderous straight right to the jaw that knocked King silly. King, who weighed 132, just failed to beat ref Johnny LoBianco's count. LaPorte, who improved to 29-7-1, 15 kayoes, suddenly thinks he can hit. King's record is 15-8-3, nine kayoes.

In a co-feature, comebacking heavyweight Renaldo "Mr." Snipes won an entertaining, 10-round duke over Richard Scott. Snipes (217, Yonkers, N.Y.) put Scott down for a four-count in the second round with a right uppercut, but was hurt himself later in the round. Scott (220, St. Louis) came on to win the next two rounds with surprising offense. The fifth round was the best: a ferocious slugfest in which both men landed well. But the fight petered out after that as Scott ran out of gas and Snipes decided to win through his boxing skills instead of his punch. Judges Barbara Perez and Tony Castellano had Snipes the winner, 7-3; judge Georgie Colon tabbed it 6-4, Snipes. *The Ring* also liked Snipes, 6-3-1. Renaldo's record goes to 28-6-1, 14 kayoes; Scott, whose surprisingly gutty performance was not appreciated by the fans, is 6-7-2, five kayoes. The referee was Fred Ucci.

In another comeback performance, former top lightweight contender Tyrone Crawley (141, Philadelphia) returned for his first start since losing to Livingstone Bramble in a lightweight title bout last year and won an unpopular, majority decision from Ali Karim Muhammad (141, Chicago) over 10 tough rounds. Crawley injured his left bicep in the fifth round: The ringside physician diagnosed a possible muscle hernia. At any rate, his left lacked power for the rest of the bout, and it looked as though he had a golf ball stuffed under the skin of his arm.

Injured or not, Crawley did not impress. He had no punch, and he was clearly exhausted in the 10th round: Had it been a 15-rounder, Muhammad must have stopped him. Perhaps it was because of his exhaustion that the crowd seemed to think Crawley had lost, but the officials thought otherwise: Judge Georgie Colon scored it level at 5-5, while judges Tony Castellano and Barbara Perez scored for Crawley by 6-4 and 7-3, respectively. *The Ring* agreed with Perez's 7-3 score. Crawley's record is 20-2, six kayoes; Muhammad, who is earnest but apparently without a punch, is 14-10-1. Carl Schroeder refereed.

Glenwood Brown (142, Plainfield, N.J.) improved his record to 11-0, eight kayoes, with a two-round stoppage of Kent Acuff (145, Indianapolis) in a scheduled eight. Acuff, who is 13-10, seven kayoes, surprised the fans by cleaning Brown's clock in the first round, but ran completely out of gas in those three minutes and could do no more. He went down from an overhand left, arose helpless, and ref Nick Drake stopped it at 2:03 of the second.

In another scheduled eight, promising lightweight Tunde Foster (136, Brooklyn), slaughtered one Lamont Buchanan (138½, St. Louis) in two rounds. Buchanan was down in the first from a short right and in the second from a left-right combination, and referee Drake called a halt at 2:13 of that stanza after Foster had landed 12 unanswered punches. Foster is 12-0, nine kayoes; Buchanan is 9-10, six kayoes. A joke fight.

Davey Franco (133, Plainfield .N.J.) stopped Geronimo Maisonet (132, The Bronx) at 1:01 of the fourth and final round. Franco, 2-0, dominated throughout, scoring knockdowns in the second and fourth. Referee Drake stopped the bout after Maisonet had arisen and taken a great many more punches.

The walkout bout was the best of the evening. It saw debuting Willie Nelson (136, Rochester, N.Y.) squeak by with a four-round majority decision over Anthony Manfredonia (135, The Bronx) in an unabashed club fight. The choirboy-faced Manfredonia took a pounding in the first two rounds: He went down from a right at the end of the first, arose utterly goofy, and fell from his own momentum after missing a wild swing in the second—referee Johnny LoBianco, who'd been napping, called it a knockdown. But Nelson had come into the ring with a quarter-tank of gas, and Manfredonia turned the tables completely in the third and fourth. Nelson barely survived. All three officials scored the bout

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2-2 in rounds, but judges Perez and Castellano gave the duke to Nelson on points, 4-3. *The Ring* thought this decision unfortunate: Judge Colon's vote for a draw was correct.
Timekeeper: Cecilio Pedraja.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
Attendance: 1,391.
(6-4-87)

JOSEPH D'O'BRIAN

▶**ALBANY**—Brentwood's James "Buddy" McGirt, 140, stopped Fort Worth's Vincent Releford in the 11th round of a scheduled 12-rounder.

Rhode Island's Paul Shorts, 145, registered a six-round decision over New York City's Kato Wilson, 146.

Teeka Singh, 117, Schenectady, N.Y., captured a four-round verdict from Carlos Aviles, 117, Springfield, Mass.

Hudson, New York's John McIlhenny, 219½, stopped Hartford, New York's Marc Machain, 215¾, in the first of a scheduled four.

Rick Sweeney, 159, Delmor, N.Y., scored a four-round TKO over Paulino Falcon, 163, Springfield, Mass.

Carlos Vegaras, Springfield, Mass., notched a four-round decision over Trenton, New Jersey's Larry Highsmith. Each weighed 129.

Hartford's Richard Holloway knocked out William Rodriguez of Holyoke, Mass., in the first of a scheduled four. Each weighed 170.
(4-24-87)

PENNSYLVANIA

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Civic Center**—Looking to upgrade his local presentations, promoter Russell Peltz moved his usual Blue Horizon show across town to the larger Pennsylvania Room of this municipal complex. Forget it! The accustomed quality was present and accounted for, but missing in the action was the atmosphere, and most importantly, the fans. Peltz expected between 2500 and 3000. He got 1655 paid. The disappointed promoter blamed lack of media coverage.

Tony Thornton, 161½, Glassboro, NJ, headlined the evening (the card was taped by USA Cable and shown the next night) by stopping a game but out-gunned Darryl Spain, 161½, Saginaw, MI., at 2:56 of Round Five in a scheduled 10. By the time referee Tommy Reid rescued southpaw Spain, he had been knocked down in rounds two and five and his left eye was closing fast. Tony just possessed too many bombs for "The Atomic Dog." However, Thornton wasn't exactly thrilled with his own performance.

"I didn't get the punches off the way I should have," said an analytical Thornton. "I was very disappointed in the defensive aspect. I dropped my hands inside a lot and I didn't have the good head movement. If I had been making him pay for the shots he threw over my head, it wouldn't have lasted as long."

Of course, Thornton may have been a little off because he had been sparring for his original opponent, Sean Mannion. Nevertheless, Tony seems to have his head screwed on right, and by normal standards his showing was more than adequate.

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2. Greg Page (Kentucky)
3. James Smith (North Carolina)
4. Carl Williams (New York)
5. Bert Cooper (Pennsylvania)
6. James Douglas (Ohio)
7. James Broad (New Jersey)
8. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
9. Larry Alexander (New York)
10. Mike Williams (Texas)
11. Orlin Norris (California)
12. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
13. Mike Evans (Illinois)
14. Phil Brown (New York)
15. Jerry Halstead (Oklahoma)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Dwight Qawi (New Jersey)
2. Lee Roy Murphy (Illinois)
3. Anthony Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
4. Bash Ali (California)
5. Rickey Parkey (New Jersey)
6. Sherman Griffin (Texas)
7. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
8. Bernard Benton (Michigan)
9. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
10. Dorcey Gaymon (Florida)
11. Henry Tillman (California)
12. Michael Greer (Tennessee)
13. Anthony Davis (Nevada)
14. Al Scott (Virginia)
15. James Waring (Florida)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Charles Williams (Michigan)
1. Ramzi Hassan (California)
2. Virgil Hill (North Dakota)
3. Willie Edwards (Michigan)
4. Chris Reid (New Jersey)
5. Jim MacDonald (Michigan)
6. Jeff Lampkin (Ohio)
7. Uriah Grant (Florida)
8. Eddie Davis (New York)
9. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (New York)
10. Arthel Lawhorne (Michigan)
11. Frankie Swindel (Texas)
12. Joe Golphin (Florida)
13. David Sears (New York)
14. Kelvin Kelly (Pennsylvania)
15. Jesse Shelby (Texas)

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Lindell Holmes (Ohio)
1. Vincent Boulware (Texas)
2. Nicky Walker (Nevada)
3. Sanderline Williams (Ohio)
4. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
5. Lenny LaPaglia (Illinois)
6. Stacey McSwain (North Carolina)
7. Anthony Willis (Illinois)
8. Chuck Walker (Texas)
9. Marvin Mack (Pennsylvania)
10. Lamont Kirkland (California)
11. Everett Martin (Texas)
12. Jay Strickland (Texas)
13. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
14. Gilberto Colon (Puerto Rico)
15. Paul Whitaker (Louisiana)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
2. Marvin Hagler (Massachusetts)
3. Iran Barkley (New York)
4. Frank Tate (Texas)
5. Michael Nunn (California)
6. Troy Darrell (New York)
7. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
8. Tony Thornton (New Jersey)
9. Kevin Moley (New York)
10. James Kinchen (California)
11. Robbie Sims (Massachusetts)
12. Jose Quinones (Puerto Rico)
13. Mark McPherson (New York)
14. Kenny Snow (Texas)
15. Charlie Boston (New Jersey)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Donald Curry (Texas)
1. Lupe Aquino (California)
2. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
3. John Jackson (Pennsylvania)
4. Mardo Roybal (California)
5. Kenny Styles (New York)
6. Mark Medal (New York)
7. Davey Moore (New York)
8. Steve Little (Pennsylvania)
9. Robert Hines (Pennsylvania)
10. Darrin Van Horn (Kentucky)
11. Tony Montgomery (Michigan)
12. Bobby Joe Young (New York)
13. Willie Harris (Pennsylvania)
14. Jack Callahan (Indiana)
15. Matthew Farrago (New York)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
2. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
3. Simon Brown (Washington, D.C.)
4. Maurice Blocker (Washington, D.C.)
5. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
6. Rollin Williams (Arizona)
7. Vincent Pettway (Maryland)
8. Roman George (Louisiana)
9. Young Dick Tiger (California)
10. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
11. Hugh Kearney (Pennsylvania)
12. Manning Galloway (Ohio)
13. Mauricio Rodriguez (Florida)
14. George Leach (Maryland)
15. Ricky Stoner (Texas)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Frankie Warren (Texas)
1. Buddy McGirt (New York)
2. Joe Manley (New Jersey)
3. Meldrick Taylor (Pennsylvania)
4. Harold Brazier (Indiana)
5. John Meekins (New York)
6. Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
7. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
8. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
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11. Vincent Releford (Texas)
12. Robert Guy (Texas)
13. Howard Stewart (New Jersey)
14. Cassius Clay Horne (Arizona)
15. Lonnie Smith (Colorado)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Terrence Alli (New York)
1. Frankie Randall (Texas)
2. Pernell Whitaker (Virginia)
3. Darryl Tyson (Washington, D.C.)
4. Vinny Pazienza (Rhode Island)
5. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
6. Irleis Perez (California)
7. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
8. John Duplessis (Louisiana)
9. Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)
10. Livingston Bramble (New Jersey)
11. Jimmy Paul (Michigan)
12. Yogi Buchanan (Missouri)
13. Fred Pendleton (New Jersey)
14. Tim Burgess (New York)
15. Walter Sims (California)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Harold Knight (New Jersey)
1. Johnny de la Rosa (Michigan)
2. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
3. Tony Lopez (California)
4. Jaime Garza (California)
5. Kenny Baysmore (Washington D.C.)
6. Genaro Hernandez (California)
7. Juan LaPorte (New York)
8. Tryone Jackson (New York)
9. Dennis Cruz (New York)
10. Joe Rivera (Puerto Rico)
11. Sal Cenicola (New Jersey)
12. Mark Fernandez (Colorado)
13. Dwight Pratchett (Indiana)
14. Jackie Beard (Tennessee)
15. Keely Thompson (Virginia)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Calvin Grove (Pennsylvania)
1. Lupe Suarez (Texas)
2. Steve Cruz (Texas)
3. Hector Lopez (California)
4. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
5. George Navarro (New Jersey)
6. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
7. Irving Mitchell (California)
8. Joe Ruelas (California)
9. Pasqual Aranda (Texas)
10. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
11. Alfred Rangel (Texas)
12. Billy White (Louisiana)
13. Marino Ramirez (New Jersey)
14. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
15. William Johnson (Washington D.C.)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Richardson (Ohio)
1. Darrell Thigpen (California)
2. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
3. Jesse Benevides (Texas)
4. Jorge Diaz (California)
5. Manuel Miranda (Puerto Rico)
6. James Pipps (Texas)
7. George Garcia (California)
8. Juan Meza (California)
9. Harold Petty (Texas)
10. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
11. Robert Shannon (Washington)
12. Juan Veloz (New York)
13. Pedro Adames (Texas)
14. Mike Ayala (Texas)
15. Eugene Speed (Maryland)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Jose Sanabria (New York)
2. Luis Curtis (Washington D.C.)
3. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
4. Jimmy Navarro (Florida)
5. Bebis Rojas (Florida)
6. Jesus Salud (Hawaii)
7. Frankie Duarte (California)
8. Hurley Snead (Michigan)
9. Albert Davila (California)
10. Mike Phelps (Texas)
11. David Gauvin (Massachusetts)
12. Eddie Rangel (Texas)
13. Gilbert Contreras (Texas)
14. Jose Gallegos (Texas)
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FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
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Henry Brent (New York)
1. Paul Gonzales (California)
2. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
3. Jorge Ortiz (Puerto Rico)
4. Angel Rosario (Puerto Rico)
5. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
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14. Pedro Feliciano (Puerto Rico)
15. Alonzo Gonzalez (California)

Thornton raised his record to 17-0 with 16 KOs and hopes to land a network TV date this fall. He's yet another face to keep an eye on in the wide open middleweight field.

In another scheduled 10, Robert "Bam Bam" Hines, 157, had plenty to cope with in Anthony "Wildcat" Wiley, 158, Houston, TX., before taking charge and scoring a fifth-round TKO when Wiley couldn't answer the bell for the sixth round.

"Wildcat" was just that in the first few minutes as he clawed his southpaw foe with a steady stream of right hands. The Philadelphian somehow managed to survive Wiley's assault, and by Round Three had become the aggressor in this no-holds-barred encounter.

Wiley had a point deducted in the third by referee John Carroll for low blows, while Hines (whose face had the grotesque look of a sure loser) lost points in rounds four and five for hitting on the break. Rematch? "Bam Bam," the winner, was heard to utter a "no thank you" upon leaving the ring.

In a good action eight, Greg "King" Tutt, 155, Phila., proved too busy and too accurate for Angel Sindo, 155½, Camden, NJ, and won a no-knockdown, unanimous decision by scores of 38-35 from Carol Polis, 37-35 from Lynn Carter and 38-34 from Joe O'Neil. *The Ring* card read 39-34 for Tutt.

In a boring eight, Anthony "TKO" Boyle, 126, Phila., won by unanimous decision over David Alers, 125, Boston. Even though he was dropped by a left hook in the third, Boyle did enough light peppering of his own to gather votes of 39-35 from Polis, 38-35 from Carter and 40-34 from O'Neil. *The Ring* tabbed it 38-34 for Boyle. Carroll, ref.

"Fightin' " Frankie Mitchell, 132, Phila., won a six-round, unanimous decision over southpaw Martin "Crazy Horse" Breckenbough, 129½, also Phila. Martin hung tough, but he was no match for the talented Mitchell. Scores: Polis, 30-25, Carter, 29-25 and O'Neil at 29-26. Ref, Carroll.

The pro debut of George Wilson, 189½, Wilmington, Dela., was ruined when he was tossed in with 4-0 Nate Miller, 186, Phila., and TKO'd at 1:49 of the first, scheduled for four. Ref, Reid.

Timekeeper: J.P. Mena.

Promoter: J. Russell Peltz.

(6-1-87)

JACK OBERMAYER

▶PHILA.—Northeast Nat'l Guard Armory—HBA backed a local grassroots promotion to develop some of manager Eddie Woods' stable of prospects. In the main event, Tony Martin, 143, Logan (Phila.), turned in a fine performance against no slouch in D.J. Turner, 141, Baltimore, eight. A stylish boxer who had shown some reluctance to mix in the trenches, Martin indicated he may be overcoming that drawback. Though the stubborn Turner knows nothing if not pressure, Martin stood his ground and outfought him in crackling infighting. Tony survived a cut-eye scare in the fourth to win by unanimous 40-33 scores. Ref, Charlie Sgrillo.

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Brian McGinley, 153, Fishtown, (Phila.), won a majority decision over Terrence Jacobs, 153, N. Phila., in a rugged six. Spoiler Jacobs proved difficult early, but wilted under Brian's rough-housing inside and was reduced to clutching. Ref, Tommy Reid.

In the best bout, Chris "The Worm" Guest, 161½, N.E. Phila., wriggled to a close, unanimous win over Dino "Mad Dog" Newville, 160, Grand Rapids via Williamstown, NJ, six. With an exuberant rooting section of neighborhood youths stamping thunderously in the bleachers, Chris played alternately to the crowd and his opponent. Guest outclassed and outhustled the dangerous puncher into the fifth, when he was suddenly staggered by a sneak right, careened through the ropes and was nearly gone. But "The Worm" squirmed to safety as "Mad Dog" panted to exhaustion trying to find his head. Ref, Reid.

Johnny Miller, 174, Franklinville, NJ, destroyed John Fornara, 174½, N.E. Phila., spectacularly blasting him to the canvas twice, a right, then a left hook, for a TKO at 1:50 of the first, scheduled four. Ref, Sgrillo.

Jeff Austino, 159¼, Williamstown, mauled his way to a unanimous decision over nothing much in Willie Bowman, 161, Chester, four. Ref, Reid.

Chris Organtini, 136, Morristown, sold 50 tickets and walked away with a disgraceful split verdict over poor Vincent Green, 134, Yonkers, in an otherwise good four. Organtini flexed his muscles, scowled, snorted and loaded up, while Mitchell did most of the punching. Yet Carol Polis and Manny Altman were taken in, both voting 19-18, while Ozzie Sadler had Mitchell by the same score. Ref, Sgrillo.

Promoter: John Tarlini & HBA Inc.

Matchmaker: Harold Moore.

Attendance: 1,300, $15,000 (est.).

Timekeeper: J.P. Mina.

Announcer: Hank Kropinski.

(6-19-87)

J.R. JOWETT

RHODE ISLAND

▶PROVIDENCE—Civic Center—Vinny Pazienza attributed his IBF lightweight title-winning effort to fighting his heart out, while trainer Lou Duva felt that pasta was the secret ingredient. And somewhere there's a crafty advertising man trying to come up with a spot telling the world how Kaopectate helped Pazienza beat Greg Haugen.

Pazienza defeated Haugen by unanimous decision, with all three judges scoring the bout 144-141, or 9-6 in rounds. Many rounds were close in this non-stop brawl, and there were varying scorecards throughout the press. Much was made in some quarters of the fact that one judge, Dr. Clark Sammartino, was from Providence, ignoring the fact that judge Keith MacDonald came from Nevada (Haugen's base), and judge Richard Bays is from Miami. Waldermar Schmidt of Puerto Rico refereed the title bout.

The title match nearly was aborted before it began as Pazienza became extremely ill on the morning of the fight. "Both guys had dried out last night because of the (7 am) weigh-in," Lou Duva explained afterwards. "After that we were going to build him back up gradually, but while I was taking care of the gloves, Vinny went off with some of his so-called friends and began eating who knows what—green apples, bananas . . ." Later, a sheepish Pazienza would admit that Raisenetes had also been part of the prefight feast. By 10 am, Duva was informed that his young charge was ill, vomiting and suffering diarrhea with a cold sweat.

A four-hour phone consultation with the doctor who treats Duva's boxers at their Texas training camp got the Pazman back on track. "The doctor told us to put him in bed and start giving him Kaopectate," Duva related. "Within an hour we had him under control, then we had to start re-hydrating him. The doctor advised us to feed him clear, unsalted, unseasoned pasta. We had to jam it down his throat, but he ate it, along with rice and plenty of fluids. I really think it was the old Italian remedy that did it—two big plates-full."

Matters were reasonably under control by fight time, and it was soon apparent that Pazienza's quick hands and flashy footwork were a puzzle Haugen couldn't solve. The home crowd cheered lustily, but Pazienza was not connecting much in the early going, coming up short on nearly every punch he threw. Pazienza's nose, broken in training seven weeks previous, spurted blood in Round Two and would swell thereafter. All Pazienza's motion confused Haugen, but his own lack of offense gave the defending champ three of the first four frames on all cards.

Only in Round Five, puffing away through his mouth and looking like he would run out of gas at any second, did Pazienza begin to find the range. His body shots began backing Haugen up and a change in tactics was the result. "We switched our plan in the fifth," Duva said later. "I told him to walk in behind his jab, then go down low before spinning out again."

Haugen kept plodding away, countering with short precise blows, but Pazienza was too elusive to get in trouble. Haugen emerged from a clinch in the seventh with a cut outside his left eye, but his corner would control it almost until the end. Haugen rallied well to take the ninth, but after 10 rounds Pazienza led 6-4 on one card, with the other two dead-even.

Pazienza kept darting in and out, scoring with pesky, flicking punches over the final five stanzas while Haugen became increasingly frustrated, slogging away in his deliberate style. A roundhouse right to the belly had the champion sagging into the ropes in the 12th, but he came back strong in the 13th. Pazienza was cut under the left eye in the 13th, and it quickly swelled shut. Pazienza showed signs of wilting in the 14th, which was a shoulder-to-shoulder slugfest, but won it with more effective blows. The challenger bled heavily throughout the final round, with a gash on his scalp adding to the gore, and when Haugen's eye reopened early on, the 15th was fought through a crimson sheen. One judge (MacDonald) gave Pazienza three of the last five rounds, while the other two both gave him four-to-one margins for the consensus 144-141 score. *The Ring* scored the bout 145-142 for Pazienza.

"The first couple rounds, I thought I had things under control," Pazienza said. "But then I started losing it. Throwing up four or five times and the diarrhea took its toll. Things were shaky this morning. That's no baloney."

Although there had been insults aplenty beforehand, Haugen embraced Pazienza when he entered the postfight press conference and was gracious in defeat.

"I thought it was real close either way," Haugen said. "There was a lot of give and take, and a lot of close rounds that could've gone either way. I didn't throw enough right hands, but Vinny's hard to hit. He was right in front of me the whole time, and he throws a lot of punches. I've never been knocked down or knocked out, so I knew he wouldn't be able to do that. Anytime it goes 15, there's a 50-50 chance it can go either way. I thought I did enough to win, and so does he. This was probably one of the best fights of '87 anyone's going to see; two tough guys standing in the ring slugging it out. That's what the people came to see."

"I never went through anything like this before," Duva said. "If Vinny didn't give his best performance, it was still good enough to win the title, and the gutsiest thing I ever saw."

Promoter Dan Duva confirmed Haugen's contention that the contract included a return bout clause, and depending upon the situation with the IBF's mandatory defense, Pazienza-Haugen II could take place in the fall.

A 10-round heavyweight semifinal matched Henry Tillman, 223, Los Angeles with 10-10 jouneyman Woody Clark, 212, Fayetteville, N.C. Tillman did not look sharp in his first outing since leaving the cruiserweight ranks, but his size advantage was enough to overwhelm Clark. Tillman's left jab did most of the damage, but his right crosses tended to bounce off the top of the crouching Clark's head. Late Tillman uppercuts spelled the end, with Clark's corner throwing in the towel at 1:59 of Round Seven. Tillman is 14-2.

An eight-round heavyweight bout opened the program. Lou Vallar, Providence, ran his pro record to 18-3 with a decision over Springfield's Angel (Juan) Quintana, who fell to 8-9-1.

The walkout eight pitted sparring partners in a junior welterweight tiff. Pazienza sparring partner John Rafuse, Malden, Mass. won a split decision over Haugen partner Javier Suarez, Tucson, Arizona. Rafuse goes to 14-4, while Suarez dips to 17-3-1.

Pazmania didn't do as well at the gate as expected, with the crowd falling just below 10,000. Celtics' playoff action on the same afternoon may have been a factor, not to mention the ticket prices of $25-$100.

Promoter: Main Events.

Referees: Charles Dwyer, George Pesare, Larry Bolvin & Steve Marcello.

Judges : William James, Domenic DeCiantis, Phil Addison, Harry Thomas, James Burchfield & John McWeeney.

Timekeeper: Paul Goodwin.

Announcer: Frank Carpano.

Physicians: Dr. Peter Hollaman, Dr. Michael Macko & Dr. Richard Golernda.

Resuscitator: William Cusati.

(6-7-87)

JAY N. MILLER

TENNESSEE

▶MEMPHIS—Memphis Convention Center—Michael Greer of Memphis captured the vacant WBC Continental Americas cruiserweight championship with a 12-round decision over New York veteran Johnny Davis.

Greer won all cards, 119-111, 117-112 and 115-112 to improve his record to 28-6-2 while Davis slipped to 15-10.

"It was a tough fight, but I did all the fighting," said Davis, who lost his sixth straight decision. "I figured they'd give me a fair shake here, but I don't believe I got one. That's been the story of Johnny Davis lately. If I don't knock somebody out, I'm not going to win."

Greer, who prefers fighting at 195 pounds, came in at 188½ to 185 for Davis. The winner was the early aggressor, but sagged in the middle rounds.

"My legs gave out on me in about the sixth round," said Greer. "But I wanted to win the belt so bad, I just kept pushing myself."

A 10-rounder saw Lexington, Kentucky's John Moore, 164, win a split decision over Memphian Knox Brown, 161. Brown came on in the later rounds, but couldn't overtake Moore's early lead. It was Moore's second win in two months over Brown.

"They could have given me that fight," complained Brown. "Most of the rounds were close and could have gone either way."

A scheduled six ended early when Greg Dickson, 145, Memphis, stopped Tennessee's Darryl Fuller, 146, at 55 seconds of the second round. Dickson dropped Fuller twice in the first round, then again in the second before the bout was stopped.

Kenny Cole, 126, Memphis, scored a unanimous, four-round decision over Lexington, Kentucky's Bryan Brown, 130.

Mike Jones, 225, Memphis, won a unanimous, four-round decision over Greenville, Mississippi's Herman Jackson, 209.

Lexington's Tim Daniels, 172, stopped Robert Richardson, 180, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, at 1:30 of the second of a scheduled six.

Promoters: Madison Square Garden & Mid South Boxing, Inc.

Matchmakers: Peyton Sher & Red Fortner.

Announcer: Mark Davis.

Judges: Gilbert Beam, James Perkins, Haywood Watts, Jim Harbert, Alex McCollum & Mark Acherson.

Referees: Jim Kidd & Sam Garland.

Timekeeper: Ron Cardone.

Physician: Dr. Jeff Hoover.

Attendance: 950 (est.).

(5-21-87)

▶MEMPHIS—Omni-Daisy Theatre—Brian Grant, 155, Memphis, captured the Mid South Boxing's Southern Junior Middleweight Tournament with a seventh-round TKO of Millington's Reggie Barnes, 154.

Barnes started quickly, proving more aggressive as he scored with flurries to the head and body in the first three rounds. But

Grant's body attack started to warm up in the fourth.

"We were both going too excited, going too hard," admitted Grant. "But then I remembered how Mike Tyson fought Pinklon Thomas. He pulled up a bit in the middle rounds and waited his chance."

The chance came in the seventh as the two wailed away at each other toe-to-toe. One minute into the round, referee Jim Kidd took a point away from Barnes for butting. The penalty proved to be academic.

When action resumed, Barnes was slow getting his hands up and Grant landed a right that staggered Barnes. Sensing his man was hurt, Grant poured on the punches and Kidd stepped in to halt matters at 2:00.

The victory left Grant 11-1 with 10 knockouts, while Barnes fell to 14-5.

"People kept telling me what an entertaining fight it was, and that made me feel super," said Grant, who dedicated the fight to his grandfather, Stanley Holloway, a Golden Gloves champ in his day. "I try to be an entertaining fighter. I try to put on a good show, and I felt this was a good fight. Reggie made me earn this, and that makes it even better."

Greg Dickson, 153, improved to 9-1, all the wins by knockout, as he stopped fellow Memphian Marcellus Jackson, 160, 52 seconds into the fourth of a scheduled six.

Rob Williamson, 137, Covington, took a unanimous, six-round decision over Greenville, Mississippi's Randy Phillips, 143.

Covington's Steve Rhea, 154, made a successful pro debut with a four-round, unanimous decision over Tommy Jeans, 151, Memphis.

Another successful bow was turned in by Indianola, Mississippi heavyweight William Douglass, 185, who earned a split, four-round decision over Covington's Ronald Staford, 171.

Promoter: Tom Harmon & Mid South Boxing, Inc.
Matchmaker: Red Fortner.
Announcer: Sleepy Rutherford.
Judges: Gilbert Beam, James Perkins, Haywood Watts, Jim Harbert, Alex McCollum & Mark Atherson.
Referees: Kidd & Sam Garland.
Timekeeper: Ron Cardoni.
Physician: Dr. Lee Wilson.
Attendance: 600 (est.).
(6-2-87)

MICHAEL GLENN

TEXAS

▶CORPUS CHRISTI—Memorial Coliseum—NBC brought its cameras south to the popular little fight town of Corpus Christi for the fourth time, staging a doubleheader featuring Rocky Lockridge against Dennis Cruz in the main event and Lupe Suarez battling undefeated John John Molina in the semi-main event. Both bouts underwent numerous personnel changes, but by fight time all parties involved were in favor of the final lineup.

New Yorker Cruz, at 22-2, brought impressive credentials through the ropes with him as he attempted to capitalize on his good fortune and show Lockridge that his days as a contender were over. There was, however, one problem not considered in his pipe dream. Knockout punch.

Yes, Lockridge can still lay 'em out cold and proved it by doing so with Cruz at 1:23 of the seventh round of a scheduled 10.

The first two rounds were met with occasional boos from the crowd as both men circled the ring looking much like windup dolls. Surprisingly, the fanciest footwork was done by referee Spyder Bynum as he shuffled in to warn both men for holding several times.

With his aim a little low, Lockridge was warned in Round Four to keep his punches up. He then worked on the ribs and head of Cruz with left hooks and straight rights in what would become the pattern for the next three rounds.

With his opponent laid back on the ropes midway through Round Seven, Lockridge drilled a right hand that turned out the lights and legs of Cruz, sending his 130 lbs down for a nap on the mat.

Lockridge, who weighed in at 131, raised his record to 40-5. He is now hoping to get a title shot at IBF junior lightweight king Barry Michael.

The semi-main upstaged the main event on this card as Corpus Christi's Suarez gave a seminar on counterpunching to the highly touted Molina and stopped him at 2:01 of the ninth, one round shy of completion.

The two were a last-minute replacement, stepping in for Joe Belinc and an injured "Irish" Mickey Ward.

From the opening bell this fight was all action as Suarez displayed his effective countering while the powerful Molina came straight out showing no respect for his foe. This was a bad mistake for Molina as it quickly became obvious that he has trouble dodging lethal punches from a southpaw.

In the fourth round, Lou Duva, becoming a little concerned, excitedly told Molina's interpreter to have John John "turn and box." It turned out to be very good advice. Molina was at his best when he fought in this mode. Regrettably, at least for Duva, his prospect went back into his original game plan and tried to stand in front of the bobbing and weaving Suarez. Once again, Molina started tasting Reyes leather.

Coming out for Round Six both men showed some fatigue, exhibiting this by executing a long clinch. This soon gave way to an all out Molina onslaught of wild haymakers and overhand rights intended to retire Suarez. Suarez took some bombs that should have stopped him in his tracks, but survived and dished out some of his own warfare. By the end of Round Eight, the brave Puerto Rican was so exhausted he literally fell into the arms of Duva, a point in the fight that it realistically could have been halted.

It all came to an exciting end in the ninth frame, with Suarez sending Molina down from a short right to the jaw. Back up almost immediately, Molina was allowed to continue. Suarez then came in on the other side of Molina's jaw, compliments of a short left hook, once again sending his opponent down. Again Molina rose, in a terrible state of confusion as referee Mark Tessman waved the contest over.

"A lot of people didn't believe in me, but I believed in myself," said a jubilant Suarez in his dressing room shortly afterwards. "I needed to win this fight, I went for it and I won. I felt stronger and in better shape than ever for this fight. Maybe I convinced some people out there that I'm ready to fight for a world title after this performance."

Molina's record now stands at 14-1, nine by knockout. Suarez is 22-1, with 18 kayoes. Both fighters weighed in at 129.

Popular Corpus Christi boxer Harold Warren, the younger brother of Frankie, racked up his 10th professional win by unanimously outscoring Dallas-based Rogelio Lopez over eight rounds of good infighting.

Lopez, whose 10-8 record is not accurately representative of his talent, stunned Warren a couple of times throughout the crowd pleaser. In keeping with the Warren "family tradition," Harold was able to survive the storm intact and hand out his own version of thunder via an overhand right that almost had Lopez down for the count at one point.

Warren, who only has two career losses, weighed in at 131, while Lopez checked in at 130. Referee, Barerra.

Ricky Alvarez, 129, Corpus Christi, used an effective left hook and superior conditioning to halt San Antonio's rugged Alfonso Reyes, 130, who was making his professional debut.

Reyes was still standing but badly battered as referee Barerra stopped the contest at 1:17 of the third of a scheduled four. Alvarez increased his record to 3-1, two kayoes.

Ricardo Zepeda, 121, New York, and Juan Martinez, 121½, Dallas, drew in four. The decision proved to be a popular one as the usual boos normally heard with this type of verdict were absent. Referee, Barbara.

Promoter: Main Events w/Lester Bedford.
Matchmaker: Wayne Harrison.
Judges: Spyder Bynum, Bob Martin, Ronnie Ralston & Lefty Barerra
Timekeeper: Rudy Rivera.
Ringside Physician: Xico Garcia.
Announcer: David Donaldson.
Attendance: 1,700.
(5-24-87)

BILL BOLLING

VIRGINIA

▶CRYSTAL CITY—Tommy Ayers, high-ranking welterweight contender from Cincinnati, knocked out Hartford, Connecticut's Anibal Ortiz at 54 seconds of the third round of a scheduled 10-rounder.

Ayers weighed 152, Ortiz, 155.

Heavyweight Scott Frank, who failed dismally in a title shot against Larry Holmes, started on the comeback trail with a knockout of Milwaukee's Stan Johnson in just 1:42 of a scheduled six. Frank, of Oakland, N.J., weighed 218 to Johnson's 217.

Arlington, Virginia's Keely Thompson, 131, scored a unanimous, 10-round decision over Milwaukee's Richard Campbell, 129.

Phil Gilberti, 203, Kensington, Md., KO'd Milwaukee's Frank Cowens, 213, at 1:50 of the first of a scheduled four.

Cincinnati's Mark Miller, 143, took a unanimous, six-round decision over Milwaukee's Walter Cowens, 143½.

Daryl Lattimore, 147, Washington, D.C., won by TKO over Milwaukee's Roy Huntley, 147, at 1:57 of the second of a scheduled four.

Promoter: Duane Chambers.
Referees: Wollesen, Witt & Levy.
Judges: Favin & Whitestone.
Timekeepers: Namey & Massey.
Physician: Pulizzi.
(5-23-87)

▶MECHANICSVILLE—Richmond's Al Scott, 190, knocked out Virginia Beach's Ric Lainhart, 190, in the first round of a battle for the Virginia cruiserweight championship.

William Kennedy, 180, Winston-Salem, N.C., scored a six-round decision over Maryland's Alex Stanley, 175.

Maryland's Victor Davis, 144, took a six-round decision from North Carolina's Thomas Warren, 143.

Tracey Muse, 146, Maryland, posted a four-round TKO over Cecil Green, 150, Hagerstown, Md.

Richmond's Rodney "Sugarfoot" Wyatt, 146, made a successful pro debut, scoring a four-round decision over Baltimore's Juan Torres, 147.

Promoter: Brown Promotions.
Referees: Sahnow, Rothenerg & Green.
Judges: Bryan, Traylor & LaPrade.
Timekeepers: Nebiker & Hall.
Physicians: Pryor & Bonner.
(5-23-87)

CANADA

▶SPRUCE GROVE, ALBERTA—In the main event over 10 rounds of a good club card held here, Kelly Perlette of Spruce Grove, 159, stopped Les Wisniewski of Calgary, 160, in eight rounds.

Wisniewski was dropped twice in the round when referee Don Smart stepped in to halt the bout.

Over eight rounds, Calgary's Reggie Johnson, 127, gained a split decision over Fort St. John's Clinton Hannah.

Edmonton's Gasper Bonomo, 147, decisioned Calgary's John Polinski, 143, over six rounds.

A four-rounder had Calgary's Rob Stowell, 162, take a unanimous decision over Edmonton's Paul McGowan, 167.

Edmonton's Stan Cunningham, 146, decisioned Edmonton's Jimmy Cheung, 148, over four.

Promoter: Harold Harvey.
Referees: Ward, O'Conner & Smart.
Judges: Warwick, Newman & Sutton.
Timekeepers: Blacklock & Kitchen.
Announcer: Rimer.
Physicians: Sollbach & Savard.
Attendance: 800.
(5-23-87)

▶EDMONTON—The three-day annual meeting of the Canadian Professional Boxing Federation was well attended by member commissions from coast to coast. Ron Hayter of Edmonton was re-elected president, winning over Eric Thomson of the Nova Scotia Boxing Authority.

Canadian heavyweight champion Willie deWit is required to defend his title against the first available contender no later than July. Seven bouts in Canada in 1986, including a victory over Edmonton's Ken Lakusta for the Canadian crown and a successful defense against Conroy Nelson, earned deWit Canadian "Fighter of the Year" honors.

Canadian middleweight champion Michael Olajide Jr. voluntarily relinquished his title. The vacant title will be fought for by the first two rated contenders in the division.

Welterweight champion Ricky Anderson of Halifax announced his retirement due to medical reasons. Chris Clarke, Halifax, and Donovan Boucher, Toronto, have been matched for a July date in Halifax for the vacant title.

Inactive lightweight champion Remo DiCarlo of Toronto was stripped of his title for failure to defend against one of the seven rated contenders listed. Mark Adams, Parrsboro, Nova Scotia, has been named to fight the first available contender for the now vacant title.
(6-5-87)

▶OTTAWA—Congress Centre—With Sugar Ray Leonard working his corner, Toronto's Shawn O'Sullivan turned in an impressive win over Hull's Denis Sigouin over 10 rounds. O'Sullivan, who matched Sigouin's weight of 148, was in complete control throughout against the rugged, aggressive Sigouin. Using the ring to full advantage, O'Sullivan, with good footwork and lateral movement, scored consistently throughout the fight with fine combination punches to the body and head. Sigouin was unable to trap O'Sullivan on the ropes and at times appeared to become frustrated when he was missing with so many punches.

There were no knockdowns. The official scores read 99-89, 99-89, 100-91.

In a fine, fast lightweight eight-rounder, Ottawa's Greg Gayle, 133, reversed a previous loss with a unanimous decision over Toronto's Pat Layne, 135. Gayle showed good form with fast, precision punching. Layne came on in the final two rounds, but not enough to turn the decision in his favor. Scores: 58-57, 58-56, 58-55. Gayle's record is 8-1-1, with Layne dropping to 6-1.

The biggest upset on the card saw Indiana's Kevin Brazier, 161, stopping the highly favored Sadik Sulemana, Toronto, 163, at the 48-second mark of the seventh round. Sulemana was ahead on all cards at the time, but became a little careless at the start of Round Seven and was nailed with a clean, right-hand punch to the chin that dropped him in his tracks. He was in no way fit to continue after he made it to his feet.

Sudbury's Brent Schroder, 134, and Indiana's Mark Brannon, 135, fought a tough, rugged fight which the officials saw as a draw. Brannon scored the only knockdown in the second round, but had a hard time keeping the aggressive Schroder at bay. Scores: 76-76, 78-77, Schroder, 77-76, Brannon.

A rematch over six rounds had Toronto's Robin Smith, 155, repeating his win over Brantford's game Chuck Rowe, 163. Smith scored a knockdown in the fourth and stung the aggressive Rowe with hard shots to the head to win 77-75, 80-74 and 78-74.

Promoter: Victory Promotions.
Referees: Gaudet, Neilson & Heburt.
Judges: Trimbee, Heburt, Neilson & Gaudet.

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2. Greg Page (US)
3. Trevor Berbick (Canada)
4. James Smith (US)
5. Carl Williams (US)
6. Bert Cooper (US)
7. James Douglas (US)
8. James Broad (US)
9. Tony Tubbs (US)
10. Larry Alexander (US)
11. Mike Williams (US)
12. Orlin Norris (US)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Evander Holyfield (US)
1. Dwight Qawi (US)
2. Lee Roy Murphy (US)
3. Anthony Witherspoon (US)
4. Bash Ali (US)
5. Ricky Parkey (US)
6. Sherman Griffin (US)
7. Alfonzo Ratliff (US)
8. Bernard Benton (US)
9. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
10. Jose Flores (Uruguay)
11. Chisandra Mutti (Zambia)
12. Dorsey Gaymon (US)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Bobby Czyz (US)
1. Charles Williams (US)
2. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
3. Ramzi Hassan (US)
5. Rufino Angulo (France)
6. Willie Edwards (US)
7. Chris Reid (US)
8. Blain Longsden (England)
9. Jim MacDonald (US)
10. Joe Lasisi (Nigeria)
11. Slobodan Kacar (Yugoslavia)
12. Dennis Andries (England)

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)
1. Don LaLonde (Canada)
2. Lindell Holmes (US)
3. Vincent Boulware (US)
4. Nicky Walker (US)
5. Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
6. Sanderline Williams (US)
7. Mustafa Hamsho (US)
8. Lenny LaPaglia (US)
9. Yambo Araka (Cam)
10. Doug Sam (Australia)
11. Yarmo Uusivirta (Finland)
12. Dario Mattioni (Argentina)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Thomas Hearns (US)
2. Mike Olajide (Canada)
3. Marvin Hagler (US)
4. Iran Barkley (US)
5. Juan Roldan (Argentina)
6. Frank Tate (US)
7. Michael Nunn (US)
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9. Troy Darrell (US)
10. Herol Graham (England)
11. Darnell Knox (US)
12. Juan Gimenez (Paraguay)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Buster Drayton (US)
1. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
2. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
3. Donald Curry (US)
4. Lupe Aquino (US)
5. Said Skouma (France)
6. Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
7. John Mugabi (US)
8. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
9. Ramon Abeldano (Argentina)
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11. Mardo Roybal (US)
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WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Lloyd Honeyghan (England
1. Marlon Starling (US)
2. Tommy Ayers (US)
3. Yung-Kil Chung (Korea)
4. Simon Brown (US)
5. Tomas Molinares (Colombia)
6. Maurice Blocker (US)
7. Tyrone Trice (US)
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9. Kirkland Laing (England)
10. Miguel Arroyo (Argentina)
11. Sylvester Mittee (England)
12. Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
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2. Eung-Sik Kim (Korea)
3. Buddy McGirt (US)
4. Joe Manley (US)
5. Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)
6. Kyung-Duk Ahn (Korea)
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8. Meldrick Taylor (US)
9. Reyes Cruz (Dominican Republic)
10. Harold Brazier (US)
11. John Meekins (US)
12. Gary Hinton (US)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Haugen (US)
1. Terrence Alli (US)
2. Frankie Randall (US)
3. Pernell Whitaker (US)
4. Darryl Tyson (US)
5. Vinny Pazienza (US)
6. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
7. Irleis Perez (US)
8. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
9. John Duplessis (US)
10. Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)
11. Tae-Young Go (Korea)
12. Livingstone Bramble (US)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Barry Michael (Australia)
1. Johnny de la Rosa (US)
2. Rocky Lockridge (US)
3. Chil-Sung Chun (Korea)
4. Harold Knight (US)
5. Pulo Sugaray (Indonesia)
6. Sung-Yun Kim (Korea)
7. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
8. Hang Park (Korea)
9. Geron Porras (Philippines)
10. Lester Ellis (Australia)
11. Jim McDonnell (England)
12. Tony Lopez (US)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
1. Kwon Chul (Korea)
2. Calvin Grove (US)
3. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
4. Jae-Yong Hwang (Korea)
5. Cha-Suk Oh (Korea)
6. Bobby Berna (Philippines)
7. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)
8. Hirohomi Minami (Japan)
9. Chang-Bae Ahn (Korea)
10. Barry McGuigan (Ireland)
11. Min-Keun Oh (Korea)
12. Alexander Wassa (Indonesia)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
1. Greg Richardson (US)
2. Yong-Woon Park (Korea)
3. Prayoonsak Muangsurin (Thailand)
4. Darrell Thigpen (US)
5. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
6. Yun-Kap Chio (Korea)
7. Leon Collins (Philippines)
8. Jesse Benevides (US)
9. Jorge Diaz (US)
10. Samart Payakaroon (Thailand)
11. Jun Resma (Philippines)
12. Jose Meneses (Panama)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Kelvin Seabrooks (US)
1. Ernie Cantuluna (Philippines)
2. Jose Sanabria (US)
3. Ki-Yul Kang (Korea)
4. Juan Polo (Colombia)
5. Miguel Maturana (Columbia)
6. Luis Curtis (US)
7. Gaby Canizales (US)
8. Jimmy Navarro (US)
9. Dong-Choon Lee (Korea)
10. Bebis Rojas (US)
11. Kap-Sup Song (Korea)
12. Wiem Sapulete (Indonesia)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Tae-Il Chang (Korea)
1. Soon-Chun Kwon (Korea)
2. Ki-Chang Kim (Korea)
3. Byung-Kwan Chung (Korea)
4. Cesar Polanco (Dominican Republic)
5. Chung Huh (Korea)
6. Elly Pical (Indonesia)
7. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
8. Satoshi Shingaki (Japan)
9. Mauro Diaz (Mexico)
10. Dae-Yong Park (Korea)
11. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
12. Rodolfo Ortega (Mexico)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Dodie Penalosa (Philippines)
1. Bi-Wong Chung (Korea)
2. Orlando Bohol (Philippines)
3. Fidel Bassa (Colombia)
4. Hi-Sup Shin (Korea)
5. Ramon Medal (US)
6. Thanosak Singbobe (Thailand)
7. Chang-Ho Choi (Korea)
8. Moon-Jin Choi (Korea)
9. Toshihiko Matsuta (Japan)
10. Soon-Jung Kang (Korea)
11. Yul-Woo Lee (Korea)
12. Rae-Ki Ahn (Korea)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Jum-Hwan Choi (Korea)
1. Rodolfo Blanco (Colombia)
2. Augastino Garcia (Colombia)
3. Cho-Woon Park (Korea)
4. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
5. Anhar Azadin (Indonesia)
6. Virgilio Chifundo (Panama)
7. Mario DeMarco (Mexico)
8. Jae-Suk Park (Korea)
9. Kyung-Jae Ching (Korea)
10. Tacy Macalos (Philippines)
11. Yong-Kang Kim (Korea)
12. Rex Ikeda (Japan)

MINI FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Kuyung-Yon Lee (Korea)
2. Masharu Kawakami (Japan)
3. Boy Lucas (Philippines)
4. Samuth Sithnarvepol (Thailand)
5. Eric Chavez (Philippines)
6. Soo-Ong Shim (Korea)
7. Romy Ceniza (Philippines)
8. Nana Suhana (Indonesia)
9. Thanjai Kiatthavatchai (Thailand)
10. Rolando Protacio (Philippines)
11. Ronnie Vallescas (Philippines)
12. Nelson Purisima (Philippines)

Timekeepers: Shillilo & Paris.
Announcer: LaBelle.
Physician: Dr. Ismand Osmond.
Attendance: 3,000.
(6-5-87)

▶**MALTON, ONTARIO**—Selected opponents were made available for local talent in a five-bout club card headlined by Brampton's Dewith Fraser, who faced Ohio's Pete Seward in a welterweight 10.

Fraser was never really extended against Seward, who moved a lot but never threw any hard punches. The outcome was obvious and at 1:46 of Round Eight, referee Fern Chretien stepped in and called a halt when Seward had nothing left.

Fraser is 6-0, while Seward dropped to a reported 27-14, though there seemed to be no line on just when Seward last won a fight.

In the semifinal scheduled for eight, Brampton's Rick Souce racked up his ninth win in a row with a KO over Ohio's Rick Spencer in the second round. In the initial round, Spencer got lucky with a wild swing that decked Souce, but he failed to follow it up. One shot delivered by Souce in the second and Spencer went down and took the count.

Over six rounds, Brampton lightweight Albert Dumas, making his pro debut, upset Scarborough's Pat McWilliams by decision. McWilliams was 4-0-1 going in.

In a six-rounder between Ohioans, Joe Walker decisioned Wardle Langston.

Promoter: Melich.
Referees: Chretien & Bell.
Judges: Williams, Walton & Chopping.
Timekeepers: Paris & Shillilo.
Physicians: Murray & Hacker.
Attendance: 1,500.
(6-5-87)

FRANK ALLNUT

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

▶**RAWSON**—Argentine and South American bantamweight champion Lucio (Metralleta) López outpointed Raúl Gomez in 10.
(5-2-87)

▶**COMODORO RIVADAVIA**—Sergio Ronconi outclassed Néstor Albarracin in 10, middleweights.
(5-7-87)

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▶**SANTA ROSA**—Argentine junior middleweight champion Hugo Marinangeli halted Carlos Victor Velazquez in six on the way to retain his title.
(5-8-87)

▶**VIEDMA**—Miguel Mosna outpointed Miguel Steinbach in 10, light heavyweights.
(5-8-87)

▶**VILLA MERCEDES**—Adolfo Arce Rossi outpointed Argentine welterweight champion Simón Escobar in 10.
(5-8-87)

▶**ALTA GRACIA**—Alberto Mercedes Cortés outpointed Alberto Vico in 10, lightweights.
(5-8-87)

▶**RESISTENCIA**—Angel Caro outpointed Anibal Romero in 10, light heavyweights.
(5-8-87)

▶**SALIA**—Rising welterweight Héctor Vilte outpointed Antonio Ricardo Juarez in 10.
(5-8-87)

▶**SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO**—Antonio Guzmán outpointed Carlos Laciar in 10, featherweights.
(5-8-87)

▶**BOVRIL**—Argentine and South American junior flyweight champion Mario Demarco outpointed Ricardo Escobar in 10.
(5-9-87)

▶**COMODORO RIVADAVIA**—Juan Domingo (Martillo) Roldán knocked Brazilian light heavyweight Clarismundo Silva out in the second.

On the undercard, rising light heavyweight Sergio Merani halted veteran Eduardo Contreras in six.
(5-15-87)

▶**RIO CUARTO**—Pedro Armando Gutierrez outpointed local credit Raúl Bianco in 10, lightweights.
(5-15-87)

▶**SAN JUAN**—Former world champion Gustavo (Mandrake) Ballas won the vacant Latin American junior bantamweight title by outpointing Peruvian Eloy Alca in 12 rounds.
(5-15-87)

▶**SALTA**—Argentine junior bantamweight champion Rubén Condori outpointed Chilean José Badilla in 10.

On the undercard, prospect Ricardo Nuñez halted Chilean Juan Bascuñan, middleweights.
(5-15-87)

▶**GOYA**—South American lightweight champion Jesús Romero outpointed Luis Alvarez in 10.
(5-15-87)

▶**CONCEPCION DEL URUGUAY**—Mario Melo knocked Alberto Barragán out in the first round, light heavies.
(5-15-87)

▶**CORONEL PRINGLES**—Argentine cruiserweight champion Daniel Neto halted Anibal Perez in six.
(5-17-87)

▶**MENDOZA**—South American junior welterweight champion Hugo (Pajarito) Hernández outpointed veteran Ramón Collado in 10.
(5-22-87)

▶**SALTA**—South American welterweight champion Miguel Angel (Puma) Arroyo outpointed Jorge Tejada in 10.
(5-22-87)

▶**SALTA**—Hector Vilte continued his unbeaten series by outclassing Antonio Fernando Da Costa in 10, welterweights.
(5-29-87)

BRAZIL

▶**JANDIRA**—Eduardo Santos outpointed José Augusto dos Santos in 10, heavyweights
(5-1-87)

▶**CORITIBA**—A standing-room only crowd of 8,500 was on hand to see Brazilian heavyweight champion Adilson Rodrigues knock out Oklahoma's Lorenzo Boyd at 2:00 of the second round.
(5-31-87)

CHILE

▶**TEMUCO**—Gabriel Sepúlveda stopped veteran former world challenger Martin Vargas in six, flyweights.

On the undercard, Oscar Vergara outpointed Peruvian Eloy Alca in eight.
(4-24-87)

▶**SANTIAGO**—Benito Badilla halted Argentine Alberto Pacheco in four, bantamweights.
(4-29-87)

▶**SANTIAGO**—Cardenio Ulloa retained his Latin American bantamweight title by outpointing Colombian Exequiel Hernández in three via a technical decision.

In a very big upset, Juvenal Lorca Ordenes was knocked out in eight by Argentine Hugo Ramirez, who is not included in the official Argentine ratings, feathers.
(5-19-87)

RICARDO F. SOLANA

COLOMBIA

▶**BARRANQUILLA—La Zona**—Francisco Tejedor of Barranquilla knocked out Panama's Hermogenes Murillo in the fourth round of a scheduled 10 of a junior flyweight scrap.

The victory left Tejedor 15-0 with 13 knockouts.

Colombia's Pedro Padilla iced Panama's Mario Miranda in the fourth of a junior welterweight matchup.

Local junior welterweight Jose Bermudez knocked out Palenque's Alfredo Caceres in the fourth.

Leo Padilla scored a second-round TKO over Alfonso Chala.

Carlos Rocha and Juan Rodriguez fought to a six-round draw.

Another draw, this time over eight rounds, was fought between Diosmel Anaya of Santa Marta and Popilio Salgado of Palenque.

Junior welterweight Donaldo Lora scored a six-round decision over Leovigildo Hernandez.
(5-8-87)

▶**SAN ANDRES—Pink Coliseum**—Barranquilla's Anibal Miranda became the new Colombian welterweight champion by scoring a ninth-round knockout over Jorge Manchego.

Colombian bantamweight Arcelio Diaz scored a fourth-round stoppage over Panama's Edwin Rangel.

Cartagena's Julio Llerena posted a 10-round decision over Palenque's Nelson Miranda in a lightweight bout.
(5-29-87)

LUIS A. GONZALEZ

GUYANA

▶**GEORGETOWN—National Sports Hall**—Patrick Ford, 155, captured a unanimous, but largely unpopular 10-round decision over Albert Browne, 159.

At least two bottles sailed into the ring after the verdicts of the judges—Cecil Henry (98-93), Trevor Arno (97-95) and Eon Jardinne (97-94)—were announced.

Ford, who lost featherweight title tries to Salvador Sanchez in 1980 and Eusebio Pedroza in 1981, alienated the crowd in the first two rounds as he made light of his foe by accepting Browne's punches while offering little in the way of retaliation.

The 31-year-old Ford started to take things seriously in the third, but every time he attempted to take command, the surprising Browne would battle back to keep matters close.

The undercard featured four eight-rounders and a six-rounder.

Ray Alberts, 170, captured a unanimous decision over Charles Crawford, 175, who put up little resistance.

Rawle Frank, 133, had little trouble with Fitzroy Davidson, 130, knocking out the late sub in the second round.

Lindin Mortley, 128, eked out a close verdict over Wayne Briggs, 126.

Gordon Trotman, 113, scored a three-round KO over Mike Grant, 116.

The six-rounder saw Orin Moore, 138, stop Wallace Stewart, 140, in the third.
(5-31-87)

WILL BOODHOO

PARAGUAY

▶**ASUNCION**—Paraguayan and South American middleweight champion Juan Carlos Gimenez outpointed Argentine Enrique Coronel in 10.
(5-8-87)

URUGUAY

▶**MONTEVIDEO**—Young prospect, local hero Rodrigo Benech outpointed Argentine Roberto Villalba in eight, light heavyweights.
(5-21-87)

RICARDO F. SOLANA

EUROPE

GERMANY

▶**HOMBURG**—Former European lightweight champion, 33-year-old Rene Weller of Germany, outpointed the Benelux champion, Fernando Blanco of Belgium, over eight hard rounds.

Weller contributed his cut eyebrows to Blanco's careless head, but referee Kurt Stroer of Germany saw no reason to hand out a public warning.

Weller's only defeat in his 41-fight career was against Dane Gert Bo Jacobsen, who took Weller's European title on a cut stoppage 17 months ago. Weller is looking for one more fight—a return with Jacobsen—before he concludes his brilliant career at the end of the year. Blanco's credentials were reduced to 22 fights with six losses.

Heavyweight Novac Radanovic of Yugoslavia outpointed 37-year-old German Klaus Winter over four frames, which spoiled Winter's chance of facing Manfred Jassman for the domestic crown later this year. The crowd thought Winter deserved a share of the points, but all three officials, Kurt Stroer, Norbert Krosch and Georg Garbarz, scored in favor of the Yugoslav.

Light heavyweight Nelson Alves of Chile, based locally and having his second start, decisioned German Josef Kossmann over four rounds.

Super featherweight Peter Koneywachi of Nigeria, bronze medalist at Los Angeles, outpointed Briton Rocky Lawlor over six rounds.

German heavyweight hope Robert Meyer stopped fellow countryman Horst Schulze in the opening round.

Attendance: 450.
Promoter: Ebby Thust.
Physician: Walter Wagner.
(6-3-87)

JACK TREE

UNITED KINGDOM

▶**LONDON—Royal Albert Hall**—Britain's Sammy Reeson, 187, became the first holder of the newly inaugurated European cruiserweight title by unanimously outpointing West Germany's Manfred Jassman, 185, over 12 rounds.

Judge Lorenzo Casentini of Italy scored it 117-115, judge Roger Kreitz of Luxemburg cast it 118-117 and referee Armand Krief's card showed 117-113.

It was a hard fight, but Reeson always seemed in control of the situation in spite of being cut by the left eye in Round Nine.

Commonwealth lightweight champion Mo Hussein, 140, West Ham, stopped Mexican Santos Moreno, 138½, referee Mickey Vann intervening at 2.12 of Round Six in a scheduled 10 when Moreno was cut by the left eye. He had not been down, and protested, but Hussein looked ahead.

George Collins, 148, Yateley, made it 21 in a row by stopping Mexican Thomas Garcia, 151, referee Vann calling a halt at 1.21 of Round Five in a scheduled eight with Garcia under pressure.

Nigel Benn, 160½, West Ham, made it three in a row by stopping Bob Nieuwenhuizen, Holland, 159¾, referee Nick White intervening at 2.03 of Round One in a scheduled six after Bob had been down from a left hook.

Sean Murphy, 117½, St. Albans, kayoed former British flyweight champion Kelvin Smart of Wales, 116, at 1.07 of Round Three in a scheduled eight with a right hand. Referee Nick White.

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Tommy Shiels, 150, Kilburn, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing debutant Linton Scarlett, 150, Birmingham, referee White scoring it 60-58 over six twos, indicating that Shiels had not lost a round. However, Scarlett wouldn't concede an inch, and the margin could have been a lot smaller.
(4-22-87)

▶**LIVERPOOL—Everton Park Sports Centre**—John Hyland, 118, Liverpool, won his final eliminator for the British bantamweight title by outpointing Brian Holmes, 117, Glasgow, referee Adrian Morgan scoring it 119-116 after 10.

Brian Wareing, 142, Southport, outpointed John Smith, Liverpool, 141, referee Brian Hogg scoring it a narrow 79-78½ after eight. Smith was marked by both eyes.

Hugh Forde, 130½, Birmingham, outpointed Lambi Kahani, 128, Sheffield, referee Hogg casting it 79-77½ after eight.

Peter Ashcroft, 149¾, Liverpool, outpointed debutant Gerry Richardson, 153½, Sheffield, referee Phil Cowsill scoring it 60-57½ after six.

Sugar Gibiliru, 134, Liverpool, kayoed Dean Binch, 133½, Sheffield, at 1:25 of Round Three with a right hand. Referee Cowsill.
(4-24-87)

▶**NOTTINGHAM—Victoria Leisure Centre**—Tony Wilson, 174¼, Wolverhampton, stopped Keith Bristol, 174½, Clapham, referee Mickey Vann intervening at 2:01 of the opening round in a scheduled 12 after Bristol had been down twice, the second time going through the ropes. This was a final eliminator for the British light heavyweight title and Wilson remains unbeaten.

British cruiserweight champion Roy Smith, Nottingham, stopped Alex Penarski, Bolton, referee Paul Thomas calling a halt at 2:39 of Round Seven in a scheduled eight with Penarski under pressure. Both were inside the stipulated 192.

Debutant Ian Bulloch, 178¼, Bolsover, stopped Danny Hassan, 183, Cardiff, referee Thomas intervening at 1:46 of Round Four in a scheduled six twos, not bothering to take up the count after Hassan has been decked.

Jimmy Thornton, 145½, Sheffield, outpointed Kelvin Mortimer, 144, Trebanog, over six, referee Thomas scoring it 59½-57½. Thornton had been inactive for two years.

Gary Maxwell, 130, Sheffield, drew with Paul Timmons, 131½, Alfreton, over six twos. Referee Paul Thomas.

Ian Chantler, 158½, St. Helens, outpointed Seamus Casey, 156¾, Alfreton, referee Thomas calling it 79-77½ after eight twos.
(3-24-87)

▶**STAFFORD—The Coliseum**—Tony Swift, 138, Birmingham, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing Peter Bowen, 135, Wednesbury, 135, referee John Keane scoring it 79½-77 after eight twos. Mr. Keane officiated in all bouts.

Wil Halliday, 146, Leicester, beat Steve Hogg, 147, St. Helens, the bout being stopped with 30 seconds remaining in Round Two, Hogg missing with a left hook and twisting his ankle. He was also cut by the left eye.

Keith Scott, 150, Birmingham, outpointed Dave Binstead, 149, Liverpool, scoreline 59½-58 after six. Binstead was floored in Round Two.

Carl Timbrell, 224, Redditch, narrowly outpointed Mick Cordon, 217, scoreline 59½-59 after six.
(3-25-87)

▶**WOLVERHAMPTON—Sporting Club**—George Baigrie, 138, Edinburgh, stopped Andrew Pybus, 137½, Birmingham, referee Jim Pridding intervening at 1:05 of Round Five in a scheduled eight twos with Pybus under pressure.

Geoff Calder, 147, Kidderminster, drew with Steve Kiernan, 143, Middlesbrough, over six twos, Referee Jim Pridding.

Mike MacKenzie, 152, Perth, outpointed Dean Murray, 157, Birmingham, referee Larry Thompson scoring it 59-58 after six twos.

Phil Lashley, 127, Birmingham, stopped John Carlin, 127, referee Thompson intervening after just 35 seconds, a decision that some thought premature.

Willie McDonald, 143, Glasgow, stopped Mickey Vern, 142½, referee Thompson calling a halt at 45 seconds of the opening round with Vern under pressure.
(3-24-87)

▶**MERTON—Civic Hall**—Danny Lawford, 188, Manchester, stopped Lou Gent, 179¾, Streatham, referee Mike Jacobs intervening at 1:58 of Round Seven after Gent had been down from a left hook to the chin.

An unusual decision was rendered after Chas Dackombe, 149½, Streatham, and Joe Lynch, 152, Plymouth, were involved in a clash of heads. Both were cut by the left eye and referee Jacobs adjudged that neither was fit to continue. According to the rules, the points for two completed rounds were added and the result declared a draw, 19½ points each. It was a scheduled six twos.

Andrew Prescod, 138, Wandsworth, retained his unbeaten record by stopping Mike Russell, 136, Plymouth, referee Paddy Sower calling a halt at 1:57 of Round Five in a scheduled six twos with Russell under pressure. He had been floored in Round Two.

Crawford Ashley, 182, Leeds, stopped Steve Ward, 174, Nottingham, referee Sower intervening at 1:52 of Round Two in a scheduled six twos after Ward had been down from a right hand. This occurred after the referee had called for more action.

Eddie Brooks, 157, Walworth, won every round in outpointing debutant Neil Simpson, 160, Plymouth, referee Sower scoring it 60-57 after six twos.
(3-26-87)

▶**BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club**—Wally Swift, 151, Birmingham, outpointed John Ashton, 154, Alfreton, referee Paul Thomas scoring it 79-78 after eight twos.

Tony Richards, 134, Nottingham, outpointed Peter Till, 133, Walsall, referee John Keane casting it a narrow 79-78½ after eight twos.

Mark Howells, 150, Nottingham, outpointed Kesom Clayton, 150½, Coventry, over six twos, referee Keane calling it 59-58½.

Wil Halliday, 145, Leicester, stopped Young Gully, 146, Leicester, referee Thomas intervening at 0:47 of Round Five in a scheduled six twos with Gully under pressure.
(3-30-87)

▶**SOUTHSEA—South Parade Pier**—Andrew Furlong, 136½, Hammersmith, outpointed Western Area lightweight champion Frankie Lake, 140, Bournemouth, referee Denzil Lewis scoring it 79½-78½ after eight twos.

Denroy Bryan, 216, Swindon, drew with Barry Ellis, 220, Clapham, over eight twos. Referee Winford Jones.

Nick Meloscia, 145½, Gloucester, outpointed Paul McKenzie, 143, Peckham, referee Jones scoring it a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.

Robert Smyth, 136, Cardiff, stopped Dave Nash, 135, Bournemouth, referee Lewis intervening in Round Four of a scheduled six twos with Nash under pressure.

Neil Haddock, 144, Llanelli, outpointed Gary Cass, 143, Swindon, scoreline 59½-58½ after six twos.

Gary Finn, 159, Paddington, stopped Gary Aitken, 160, Acton, the referee intervening in Round Five of a scheduled six with Aitken under pressure.
(4-1-87)

▶**OLDHAM—Sports Centre**—Kevin Taylor, 127½, Rochdale, created an upset by outpointing Les Walsh, Manchester, 129½ over 10 rounds and taking away the latter's Central Area super featherweight title. Referee Harry Warner scored it 98-97½.

Originally Walsh was due to meet Najib Daho for the British crown, but Daho had to withdraw because of a knee injury. So Walsh agreed to defend his Area title against Taylor and his defeat could mean that he forfeits his British title chance against Daho.

In an official eliminator for the British cruiserweight title, Glenn McCrory, Anfield Plain, 189¾, stopped former champion Andy Straughn, 188½, Hitchin, at 0:44 of the 10th and final round, referee Mickey Vann intervening when Straughn sustained an eye injury. McCrory looked ahead.

Keith Ferdinand, 226½, Coventry, made it seven in a row by outpointing Andy Gerrard, 228, Newport, referee Warner casting it 79-77½ after eight.

Debutant John Green, Manchester, outpointed Albert Parr, St. Helens, over six. Parr was decked in Round Five.

Ossie Maddox, Manchester, also made a successful pro start by stopping Ronnie Riley, Sheffield, in Round Two of a scheduled six twos. The referee intervened after Riley had been floored twice. This was a welterweight bout.

John Best, Manchester light-welter, beat Eamonn Payne, Kings Lynn, who retired in Round Two, claiming a thumb had damaged his eye.

Russell Davison, Salford featherweight, outpointed Stuart Carmichael, Hull, over six twos.
(3-31-87)

▶**NOTTINGHAM—Albany Hotel**—Peter Crook, 136, Chorley, outpointed Tony Richards, 136, Nottingham, referee John Coyle (who was in charge of all bouts) scoring it 79-78 after eight twos.

Kevin Spratt, 140, Leeds, outpointed David Bacon, 143, Alfreton, scoreline 59-58 after six twos.

Willie Wilson, 137, Nottingham, narrowly outpointed Kenny Walsh, 139, scoreline 59-58½ after six twos.

Debutant Adam Foggarty, 218, Isle of Man, stopped Carlton Hedley, 196, the intervention coming at 1:07 of Round Two in a scheduled six twos. Hedley was down four times.
(4-6-87)

▶**GLASGOW—Plaza Ballroom**—Scottish welter champion Gary Jacobs, 149, stopped Robert Armstrong, 149½, Doncaster, who retired at the end of Round Five with his left eye shut after being down four times.

Joe Kelly, 115½, outpointed Chris Clarkson, 118, scoreline 79½-77 after eight.

Drew Black, 135, Coatbridge, didn't lose a round in outpointing Dean Bramhald, 138, Doncaster, scoreline 80-77 after eight.

John Mullen, Ayr, 144¼, outpointed Willie McDonald, 143, Holytown, scoreline 59½-58 after six.

Owen Smith, 146, Edinburgh, didn't lose a round in outpointing Dave Heaver, Doncaster, 149, scoreline 60-58 after six.

Jim Moffat, 132, Irvine, outpointed Craig Windsor, 131½, Coatbridge, scoreline 59½-58½ after six twos.
(4-6-87)

▶**LONDON—York Hall**—Mickey Hughes, 148, Camden Town, kept his unbeaten record by stopping Kelvin Mortimer, 147, Swansea, referee Larry O'Connell calling a halt at 2:34 of Round Six of a scheduled eight with Mortimer under pressure and cut by the left eye and the nose.

Ian Chantler, 155, St. Helens, stopped Johnny Williamson, 154½, New Cross, referee O'Connell intervening at 2:28 of Round Four in a scheduled eight after Williamson had been down twice in quick succession.

Derek Angel, 190, kept his unbeaten certificate by stopping Mick Cordon, 217, Doncaster, referee Reg Thompson halting matters with 30 seconds left in Round Four of a scheduled eight twos with Cordon under pressure and cut by the right eye.

Johnny Graham, 170, repeated a previous win by outpointing Ray Thomas, 178, Ghana, referee O'Connell scoring it 79½-77½ after eight twos.

Paul Deans, 147, Wapping, outpointed Dusty Miller, Islington, 148, referee Thompson casting it a narrow, 59-58½ after six twos.

John Devine, 127, Camden Town, stopped Denzil Goddard, 131, Llanelli, referee Thompson intervening at 1:22 of the sixth and final round with Goddard cut by the left eye and under pressure. There were no knockdowns.
(4-9-87)

▶**WEST BROMWICH—Gala Baths**—Former champion Pat Cowdell, 133½, nearly 34 years old, is still in contention for a title. He stopped Central Area lightweight champion Michael Marsden, 135½, who was retired by his corner at the end of Round Five after he had been down twice. Cowdell says he can make the super featherweight limit with no difficulty and could well be challenging for the British title soon.

Mark Pearce, 137, Cardiff, outpointed Midlands Area lightweight champion Ray Newby, 136, Nottingham, referee John Keane scoring it 79-78 after eight. When they met 12 months earlier the result was a draw.

Mitchell King, 124½, Leicester, beat Mark Bignall, 122½, Birmingham, who was retired by his corner with a hand injury at the end of Round Three in a scheduled six twos. Referee Brian Arnott. Bignall was down twice.

Hugh Forde, 131, Birmingham, outpointed Gary Naxwell, 132, Nottingham, over eight twos. Referee Brian Arnott.
(4-7-87)

▶**WESTON-SUPER-MARE—Winter Gardens**—Mark Purcell, 139¼, Gloucester, outpointed Carl Merrett, 142¾, Newport, referee Denzil Lewis (who controlled all bouts) scoring it 79½-78½ after eight twos.

John Knight, 123¼, Bridgewater, drew with Adrian Staples, 123½, over six twos.

Ray Golding, 148¾, Alfreton, outpointed Ian John Lewis, 149, Gillingham, scoreline 59½-58½ after six twos.

Down twice in Round Two, Ian Bulloch, 184¾, staged a fine recovery to outpoint Patrick Collins, 189½, Bristol, scoreline a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.
(4-9-87)

▶**BATLEY—Frontier Club**—Derek Wormold, 151½, Rochdale, stopped Central Area welterweight champion Tony Brown, 150, Liverpool, referee Ron Hackett intervening at 2:19 of Round Six in a scheduled eight with Brown under pressure.

Charlie Watson, 152, Bradford, stopped Mickey Bird, 150, Chesterfield, referee Phil Cowsill calling a halt at 1:27 of Round Two in a scheduled eight twos after Bird had been down twice.

Richard Wagstaff, 152, Morley, avenged a previous defeat by outpointing Seamus Casey, 154, Alfreton, not losing a round on referee Cowsill's card of 80-77 after eight.

Steve Pollard, 131, Hull, narrowly outpointed Darren Connellan, 134, Rochdale, scoreline 78½-78 after eight twos.

Lamby Kahani, 127, Sheffield, drew with Simon Harper, 135, Bradford, over four rounds.

Peter Brown, Bradford lightweight, didn't lose a round in outpointing Darrel Ritchie, Rhyl, scoreline 60-57½ after six twos.
(4-7-87)

▶**SOUTHEND—20th Century Sporting Club**—Jerry Reid, 190, Camberwell, stopped Zambian Chappie Mumba, 185, referee Roy Francis intervening at 1:55 of Round One in a scheduled six twos after Mumba had been down. It was his British debut.

Gary Cass, 143, Swindon, kayoed Shane Traylen, 144, Fleet, at 1:49 of the opening round of a scheduled six twos. It was Traylen's debut.

Nobbins followed the fight in which Johnny Nanton, 154, Walworth, outpointed B.K. Bennett, 159, Aylesbury, referee Francis scoring it 59-57½ after six twos.

Paul McKenzie, 142, Walworth, outpointed Oliver Henry, 143, Kings Lynn, over six twos, scoreline 59-57½.
(4-7-87)

▶**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Dennis Banton, 174, Stockwell, outpointed Chris Galloway, 172½, Penge, referee Nick White scoring it 79-78 after eight twos.

Eddie Brooks, 154½, Walworth, confirmed a previous victory by stopping Keith Scott, 155, Birmingham, referee White intervening at 1:28 of Round Three in a scheduled six twos with Scott under pressure.

Kevin Thompson, 148¾, Birmingham, made a successful debut by outpointing Roy Horne, 148, Maidenhead, referee White casting it 59½-57½ after six twos.
(4-9-87)

▶**NEWCASTLE—Mayfair Suite**—Paul Burke, 136, Preston, outpointed Paul Marriott, 138, Sheffield, referee Gerlad Watson scoring it a narrow 59-58½ after six twos. Marriott twice floored his man in Round Two and there was some booing when the verdict was announced.

Harley Escott, 132, Sunderland, outpointed Alvin Finch, 134, Kendal, referee Watson scoring it 40-38½ after four twos.

Debutant Slugger O'Toole, 162, Sheffield, stopped Ian Bayliss, 163, Preston, referee Watson intervening at 1:45 of Round Five in a scheduled six twos after Bayliss had been down twice. Point of interest—O'Toole's real name is Fidel Castro Smith.
(4-6-87)

▶**ILFORD—Palais**—Mark Reefer, 133½, Hackney, stopped George Jones, 131, Telford, referee Sid Nathan intervening at 1:20 of Round Five in a scheduled eight twos with Jones under pressure.

Ian Priest, 218, Alfreton, outpointed Gary McConnell, 214½, Camberwell, referee Nathan scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos.

Billy Sim, 178, Dagenham, kayoed Kevin Phillips, 178, Plymouth, at 1:59 of Round One in a scheduled six twos. Referee Paddy Sower.

Gary Steff, 148½, Ilford, kayoed Lee West, 144½, Brixton, at 1:08 of Round Four. Referee Paddy Sower.

Mark Howells, 150½, Ilford, kayoed Lee West, 144½, Brixton, at 1:08 of Round Four. Referee Paddy Sower.

Mark Howells, 150½, Nottingham, made it five in a row by stopping debutant Dave Brosnan, 150, Eltham, referee Sower calling a halt at 1:28 of the last round in a scheduled six twos when Brosnan's left eye was closed. Nobbins followed.

Stuart Fishermac, 126, drew with Roy Deeble, 124, Bow, over six twos. Referee Paddy Sower.
(4-7-87)

▶**LEICESTER—Holiday Inn**—Paul Smith, 161, Sheffield, outpointed Sean West, 161, Alfreton, referee Jim Pridding casting it 60-58 after six twos, indicating that Smith had not lost a round. West was down twice.

Dean Binch, 132½, Sheffield, outpointed Kevin Plant, 135, Doncaster, referee Pridding scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos.

Jason Baxter, 161, Leicester, outpointed Leon Thomas, 154, Coventry, referee Pridding casting it 59½-58½ after six twos.
(4-6-87)

▶**SOUTHAMPTON—Guildhall**—Steve McCarthy, 175½, Southampton, outpointed Winston Burnett, 180, referee Ritchie Dabies scoring it 79½-76½ after eight. Burnett fights often and if he continues on a regular basis could well become the first fighter since Ray Fallone to chalk up 100 bouts. At the moment he is on 81.

Jimmy Peters, Southampton, 177, won every one of the four rounds in outpointing sub Tony Behan, 171, Birmingham, referee

Bob Gower casting it 40-38.

Paul Taylor, 134, Southampton, outpointed Carl Taylor, 133½, Birmingham, referee Gower scoring it 59½-58 after six twos.

Gary Pemberton, 155¾, Cardiff, stopped Paul (brother of Steve) McCarthy, 158, Southampton, referee Davies intervening at 0:35 of Round Four with McCarthy under pressure.

Russell Burnett, 154½, Brighton, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Clayon Stewart, 154¾, referee Gower's card showing 59½-58½ after six twos.
(4-6-87)

▶**COTTINGHAM—Westfield Country Club**—Peter Crook, 137, Chorley, outpointed Darren Connellan, 136, Rochdale, referee Harry Warner scoring it 79-78 after eight twos.

Chris Clarkson, 120, Hull, outpointed Nigel (brother of Peter) Crook, 119, Chorley, referee Warner casting it 59-58 after six. This avenged a previous defeat.

Oliver Henry, 143, Kings Lynn, stopped Steve Harwood, 144, Batley, referee Warner intervening at 1:14 of the opening round after Harwood had been down.

Michael Betts, 136, Norwich, drew with Simon Hunter, 135, Bradford, referee Phil Cowsill calling their six-rounder even.
(3-24-87)

▶**EVESHAM—Sporting Club**—Danny Porter, 114, Hitchin, twice climbed off the canvas to knock out Kerry Webber, 113, Rhondda, in Round Five of a scheduled eight twos. Webber was down five times in all. Referee Paul Thomas.

Kesem Clayton, 150, Coventry, outpointed Kevin Hayde, 148, Cardiff, referee Thomas scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos.

Roy Williams, 121, Merthyr, outpointed debutant Mick Greenwood, 120, Leicester, referee Terry O'Connor casting it 59-58 after six twos.

Gary King, 126, Luton, kayoed Phil Lashley, 125, Birmingham, at 1:25 of Round One in a scheduled six twos.

Paul Wesley, 162, Birmingham, outpointed Dean Murray, 164, Birmingham, referee O'Connor scoring it 59-58 after six.
(4-8-87)

▶**MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Tony Ekubia, 138½, Manchester, stopped Tommy Farrell, 138, Liverpool, referee Brian Hogg intervening at 1:59 of Round Five in a scheduled eight with Farrell under pressure after having been down in Round Four.

Peter Ashcroft, 148½, Liverpool, outpointed Jimmy Thornton, 146, Sheffield, referee Keith Garner scoring it a narrow 59-58½ after six.

Des Gargano, 124½, Manchester, outpointed Jimmy Lee, Blackburn, 126, referee Garner casting it 59-58 after six. Lee was down briefly in Round Four.

G.L. Booth, 154, Manchester, stopped Kid Carnell, 155½, Liverpool, referee Hogg calling a halt at 1:33 of Round Five in a scheduled six twos with Carnell under pressure.
(4-13-87)

▶**GLASGOW—Hospitality Inn**—Dave McCabe, 141½, made it six in a row since returning to the ring by outpointing Frenchman Roland Leclerc, 140, referee Billy Rafferty scoring it 79½-78½ after eight.

Joe Kelly, 114¾, Glasgow, outpointed Nigel Crook, 119, Chorley, referee Arnold Bryson casting it 79½-78 after eight. Crook was down in Round Five.

Mike McKenzie, Perth, outpointed Owen Smith, Edinburgh, 148, over six, referee Bryson scoring it a narrow 59-58½. Many thought Smith earned at least a draw.

Drew Black, 134¾, Coatbridge, survived a knockdown in Round Four and came back to outpoint Willie Wilson, 140, Nottingham, referee Rafferty scoring it 79-78½ after eight.

John Bennie, 128, Hurlford, was down in Round Two, but recovered to outpoint Nigel Senior, 127¾, Nottingham, over six.
(4-13-87)

▶**CUMBERNAULD—Tryst Centre**—Pat Clinton, 113¾, Croy, stopped Jose Manuel Diaz of Mexico, 114, referee Billy Rafferty intervening at 2:40 of Round Eight in a scheduled 10 after Diaz had been down four times.

Floyd Havard, 131½, Merthyr, retained his unbeaten record by stopping Midlands Area lightweight champion Ray Newby, 134, Nottingham, referee Len Mullen calling a halt at 2:58 of Round Seven in a scheduled eight with Newby under pressure.

Tommy McCallum, 148, Edinburgh, outpointed Richard Wagstaff, 149, Leeds, referee Mullen casting it 79½-78 after eight.

Willie McDonald, 146, Glasgow, outpointed Dave Heaver, 146½, Doncaster, not losing a round on referee Rafferty's card of 60-58 after six.

Jamie McBride, 120¾, Glasgow, outpointed Chris Clarkson, 120, Hull, referee Mullen scoring it 59½-58 after six.

Winston Burnett, 172, Cardiff, outpointed Peter Brown, 168¼, referee Rafferty scoring it 79½-78 after eight twos.
(4-14-87)

▶**LONDON—Lewisham Theatre**—Johnny Andrews, 153½, Stepney, achieved a quick win after two and a half year's absence by stopping Winston Wray, 153½, Blackfriars, referee Ritchie Davies intervening after Wray had been down twice in the first round. It took just 60 seconds in a scheduled eight.

Paul Gadney, 132, Plumstead, outpointed Steve Pollard, 130, Hull, referee Davies casting it 79-78 after eight twos. Pollard did well to survive a cut by the left eye in Round Two which handicapped him throughout.

Sub John Mullen, 144, Irvine, outpointed B.F. Williams, 135, referee Davies casting it 59½-58 after six twos. Williams was down in Round One.

Daniel T. Moul, 223, Billericay, stopped Carl Timbrell, 224, Redditch, referee Jack Snipe intervening at 1:30 of Round Four in a scheduled six twos with Timbrell under pressure.

Tim O'Keefe, 135, Hornchurch, outpointed Kenny Watson, 136, South Norwood, referee Snipe casting it 59½-58 after six twos.

Mark Bates, 133, Stanford-le-Hope, kayoed Jeff Sillitoe, 130, at 0:45 of Round Three in a scheduled six twos.

Mamado N'diaye, 187, Catford, stopped Mark Roland, 193, Liverpool, referee Snipe intervening at 1:55 of Round Three of a scheduled four twos with Roland under pressure.
(4-15-87)

▶**CARMARTHEN—Leisure Centre**—John Davies, 146½, Ammanford, son of the promoter of the show, John Davies Senior, stopped Franki Moro, 154, Liverpool, who retired in Round Three of a scheduled eight when he sustained a cut by the right eye.

Nigel Haddock, 126, Llanelli, stopped sub Adrian Staples, 123, Rhydyfelin, referee Mike Herwick intervening at 1:34 of Round Five in a scheduled eight twos with Staples cut by the right eye.

Stanley Jones, Llandello, outpointed Junaido Musah, Liverpool, over eight twos, scoreline 80-72, indicating that Jones had won every round.

Tony Britland, Barmouth, outpointed Kevin Hayde, Merthyr, over six twos, scoreline, 59½-58½.
(4-15-87)

▶**LONDON—Royal Albert Hall**—Chris Pyatt, former British and European light middleweight champion, 156, kayoed American Dennis Johnson, 152, at 0:28 of Round Two in a scheduled eight with a left hook to the body. Referee Adrian Morgan.

Gary Mason, 240, Wandsworth, increased his winning run to 18 by stopping American Woody Clark, 206½, referee Paddy Sower intervening at 2:39 of Round Two when Clark was cut by the left eye.

David Dent, 148¾, Camden, stopped American Ricky Randall, 144½, referee Sower calling a halt at 1:03 of Round Three in a scheduled eight with Randall under pressure.

Former British and Commonwealth middleweight champion Mark Kaylor, 174¾, stopped Tommy Taylor, 173½, Hednesford, referee Morgan intervening at 2:41 of Round Four in a scheduled 10-round eliminator for the British light heavyweight title after Taylor had been down three times.

Darren Dyer, 148½, Islington, stopped Geoff Calder, 148½, Kidderminster, referee Sower calling a halt at 2:05 of Round Two in a scheduled six after Calder had been floored three times.
(4-18-87)

▶**BELFAST—Kings Hall**—Sammy Storey, 158¾, Belfast, won the vacant Irish middleweight title by outpointing Rocky McGran, 159½, referee Sid Nathan scoring it 99½-96½ after 10.

Paul Hodkinson, 128¾, Kirby, made it seven in a row, all by the quick route, stopping Russell Jones, 129, the Welsh super featherweight champion, referee Nathan intervening in Round Six of a scheduled eight after Jones had been down and was under pressure.

Bernardo Checa, 136, Panama, stopped Joey Joynson, 134, Liverpool, referee Nathan calling a halt at 2:45 of Round Five in a scheduled eight when sub Joynson had been floored by a left hand.

Alan McCullough, 125, Belfast, outpointed John Knight, 124, Bristol, referee Barney Wilson scoring it 60-56½ after six.

Unbeaten Eamonn McAuley, 134, Belfast, stopped Tony Borg, 134, Cardiff, referee Wilson calling a halt at 1:25 of Round Four in a scheduled six after Borg had been down twice.
(4-25-87)

▶**BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—Kevin Spratt, 138, Yeadon, outpointed Dean Bramhald, 137, Doncaster, referee Harry Warner scoring it 79-78 after eight.

Andrew Steadman, 127½, Skipton, outpointed Carl Gaynor, 127, surviving two knockdowns in Round One and an anxious final round when he sustained a cut by the left eye. Referee Keith Garner scored it 58½-58 after six twos. Gaynor did well for a sub.

David Bacon, 143, Alfreton, outpointed Jim Conley, 144, Bradford, referee Garner casting it 59½-58½ after six twos.
(4-27-87)

RON OLVER

AUSTRALIA

QUEENSLAND

▶**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Australian junior light heavyweight champion Doug Sam, 174, was too good for former Australian middle champ Emmanuel Otti, 169½, in their scheduled 10-round, non-title headliner. Referee Alan Moore rescued Otti at 2:54 of Round Seven. Otti had a cut eye but that was not the cause of the stoppage. Otti was well beaten and had nowhere to go but down.

It was a hard fight, with hard punches exchanged. No knockdowns. Sam punched harder and faster than Otti and rattled up the points. Sam really got on top in the sixth session and Otti was just a target through the seventh.

At the end of Round Six, judge Eddie Francis had 59-55, judge Clive Williams 59-56 and judge Steve Scott 60-55, all in favor of Sam.

In the 10-round main support, Queenslander Ronald Doo, 144, outpointed transplanted Victorian Ken Carter, 142. In a torrid tussle, Doo was a convincing winner. He swarmed over Carter from the start. Carter took standing counts from referee Moore in rounds seven and 10 but whenever it appeared that Moore may stop the contest, Carter fought back strongly. Unanimous decision and clear from the same three judges who officiated in the main.

Stewart Hartley, 152, and Dean Amiott, 156, who used to box as Dean Winstanley, turned in a willing and bloody battle. Amiott won the first two rounds, decking Hartley in the opening round. Hartley's nose bled badly in Round Two and was bleeding even more profusely in Round Three. In the fourth frame, Hartley received a cut eye. Referee Moore examined the injury and waved the fight to continue. Amiott came in fast but ran into a left hook. Down he went. He beat the 10-count but was in no condition to continue so Moore stopped the bout and crowned Hartley a KO winner in Round Four. Was scheduled for eight rounds.

Over six, Russell Finn, 130, gained a majority points win over Scott Baker, 130, from judges Santo Rizzo, Clive Williams and Chris Daley.

Over three rounds Paul Greaves, 170, outpointed Stan Wilshire, 178, in a willing affair between novices.
(5-25-87)

▶**SURFERS PARADISE—Chevron Hotel**—Two eight-rounders headlined here this night. In the last of the two, Queenslander Neil Garland, 118, scored a runaway points win over New South Welshman Bobby Williams, 117. He was too fast for the squat veteran who is one of the gamest aggressive fighters around. Williams squared rounds seven and eight when Garland began to coast. Unanimous points win to Garland from judges Eddie Francis, Cyril Cairns and Shaun Stewart. Referee of all bouts was George Barnes, former Australian and British Commonwealth welterweight champion.

The other eight-rounder between Johnny Fooks, 140½, and Jamie Tracey, 141, was a terrific contest that drew a large shower of notes and coins from the fans. Fooks was busier, Tracey the harder puncher. Fooks, the Queensland State bantam champ, won a unanimous points decision, but the margin was small.

Southpaw Peter Warren, 118, and Kevin Johnson, 118, two former amateur champions, made their debuts in the pro ranks over six rounds. Warren, former New Zealand amateur champion, seemed a clear points winner over Johnson, the Australian amateur flyweight champion of 1986, but the decision was split. Johnson could not handle Warren's southpaw style. Warren, points winner.

In another six, Scott Baker, 128, won a clear points decision over Mike Slivka, 139. Good contest, but Baker is a better boxer and Slivka is easy to hit.

Over four rounds, Mark Swain, 131, clearly outpointed Roy Saunders, 127. Swain looks like a good prospect.

In another four, Viv Schwalger, 185, met Greg Denton, 198, but it did not last long. A few seconds of sparring was followed by a right from Schwalger. Down went Denton. Referee Barnes counted to eight, then stopped the encounter and crowned Schwalger. Time into Round One was about 20 seconds.

Over three rounds Rob Paris, 170, drew with Mark Quelck, 174.
(6-3-87)

NEW SOUTH WALES

▶**CRONULLA—Workers Club**—John Bogolin, 166, who holds the NSW State junior light heavyweight title and the South Pacific cruiserweight crown, met Joe Lutui, 168, over 10 rounds in a title tilt, two crowns being contested: Bogolin's State and the vacant South Pacific junior light heavy. Lutui is a Tongan who has been a resident of NSW for some time. Referee John Cauchi counted out Lutui at 58 seconds of Round Eight.

It was a good fight all the way, but southpaw Bogolin won every round and dominated Lutui in the last half of Round Seven. The crowd showered the ring with notes and coins. Judges were Alf Weymark, Bernie McMahon and John Thompson.

Referee Cauchi had to raise and lower his right arm 10 times in the main support, also. Veteran Roger Henry, heaviest of his career at 140, flattened hard-punching Terry Roberts, 143, in Round Five of a scheduled eight. Good fight, but Henry took what Roberts had to offer then flashed in his own power.

In a scheduled four, newcomers Bob Mirovic, 215, and Sam Kuruktoga, 198½, were willing, then Kuruktoga received a cut eye in Round Three and referee John Thomspon stopped the contest on the advice of the doctor. Mirovic, winner.

In another four, Hector Cheetham, 134, outpointed Jimmy Henry, 133½. Thompson refereed.
(5-15-87)

▶**MT PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Two southpaws in Charlie Lewis, 140, of NSW, and Paul Delosa, 141¼, of Victoria, headlined over 10 rounds before a full house with fans standing. Not an attractive contest. Referee Billy Males worked hard. Lewis won a unanimous decision from judges Garry Lowe, 99-93, Ray Wheatley, 99-93, and Russ Menadue, 97-95.

Over eight rounds, Les Mathers, 154, drew with Darwin North, 154¼, in a hard fight. This was their second draw in three meetings, their first set-to resulting in a points win to North. In their latest, judge Garry Lowe carded for North, 78-77, judge Menadue for Mathers, 80-75 (must have seen a different fight), and judge Billy Males, 77-77. Ray Wheatley was non-scoring ref.

Dino Billinghurst, 154, halted Robbie Newton, 149¼, in Round Five of a scheduled six. Newton took heavy punishment in Round Four and at the end of that heat the doctor paid him a visit to examine his nose, which was bleeding profusely. The examination was still going on when the bell rang to usher in Round Five. No action in mid-ring as Billinghurst was crowned winner in that round.

In another six, Apollo Sweet, 189½, outpointed Andrew Foster, 122¾. Sweet was fitter than Foster and that made a lot of difference. Scores: 60-54 by judges Lowe and Wheatley, 60-55 by judge Menadue.

Two newcomers in Robin Foster, 131¾, and Calvin Brown, 133½, met in a scheduled four. Brown took two standing counts from referee Wheatley, then the ref rescued Brown in Round Four.

In the opening four, Adam Schachter, 141¾, outpointed Shaun Parker, 142, with scores of 40-37, 40-38 and 39-36.
(5-20-87)

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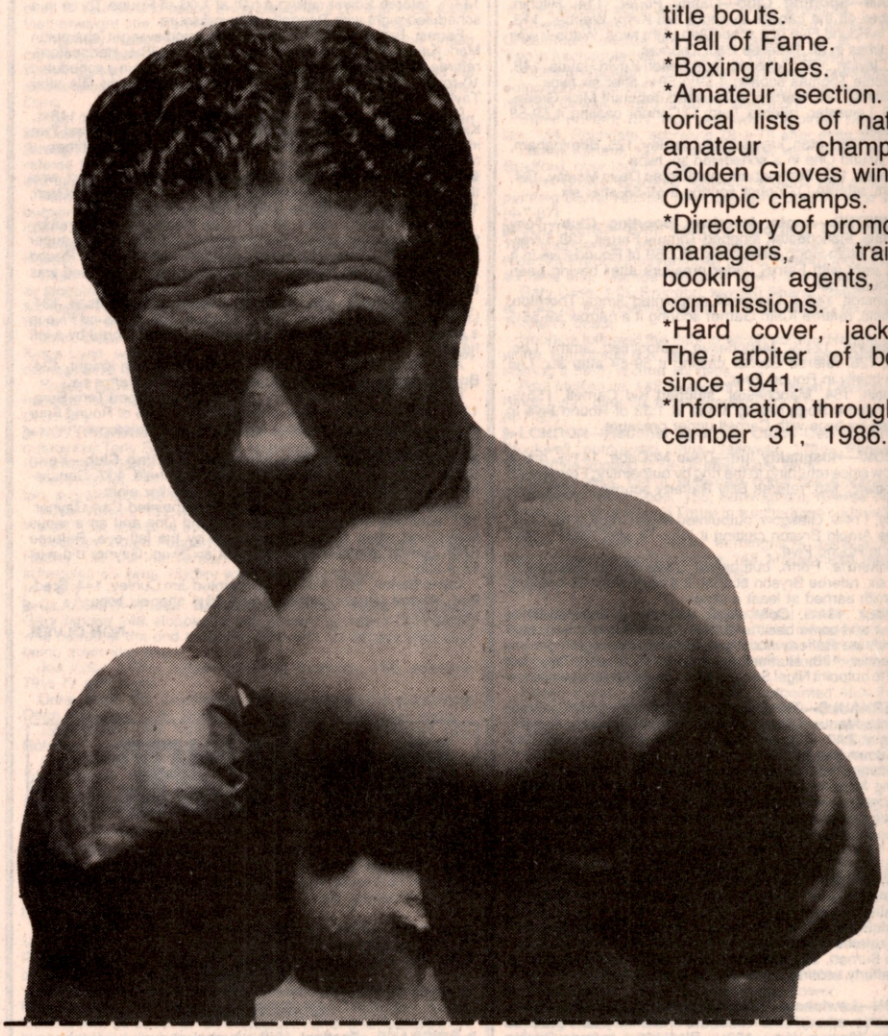

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VICTORIA

▶**FITZROY—Central Hall**—Watch former amateur Craig Trotter. He met Victorian State junior welter champ Rocky Pirrottina over 10 rounds, but Trotter was in a hurry. In Round Two, he floored Pirrottina with a right to the body. Referee Bryan Membrey counted out Rocky, who received attention by the doctor. Suspected fractured rib. Trotter scaled 145½, Pirrottina 147¾.

Tony Marretta, 134½, won a split decision over Pat Mudford, 134½, over eight rounds. A sizzling contest that was very close. Jim Boland was non-scoring referee. Judge Chris Anderson scored 78-74, judge Cliff Heaver 76-75, both for Marretta, while judge Membrey carded 78-76 for Mudford.

Rodney Carr, 174¼, halted Bob Drummond, 183, in Round Two of a scheduled six when referee Boland rescued Drummond when he went down for the second time in the round. Was Carr's pro debut. Drummond was having his second paid start.

Bruce Gooding, 192, stopped Joseph Afoa, 183, Samoan southpaw, in Round Two of a scheduled four. Afoa was on the canvas when referee Tony Parisi called off the action at 54 seconds into the round.

In another four, Guy Murdoch, 169¾, drew with Mark Bateman, 165½. The decision was split three ways.
(5-17-87)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

▶**PERTH—Old Melbourne Hotel**—Small promotion of three six-round bouts. Brad Mogeridge, 147¾, outpointed Matthew Smith, 145½.

Ken Dixon, 178½, scored a KO 3 of Barry Sutton, 185¼.

Shane Reilly, 132¼, outpointed Tommy Gilmartin, 133½.
(5-8-87)

▶**DONGARA—Hotel**—Another small promotion, one six, three fours. Dean Colbung, 125¾, outpointed Greg Read, 127¾, over six.

Jim Marsden, 156½, knocked out Peter Lang, 158¾, in the third of a four.

Barry Sutton, 189½, scored a three-round KO of Trevor Young, 178½.

Mark Hackson, 229¼, outpointed Tyrone Brown, 216.
(5-16-87)

AUSSIE OVERSEAS

▶**AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND—Hyatt Kingsgate Convention Center**—Former South Pacific middleweight champion Paul Toweel, 151½, outpointed American Harlean Holden, 151½, over 10 rounds. Aussie Paul won by eight points. A standing count was applied on Holden in the final round. As referee ordered box on, the final bell sounded.

The contest was billed for the vacant Pan Pacific middleweight title. That is a new one. It is the intention of the promoters to pit American boxers against Pacific boxers and call the meetings Pan Pacific titles.

Toweel was born in South Africa, son of former boxer Frazer Toweel and nephew of Frazer's brother, Vic, who was world bantam champion and lost that title to Aussie Jimmy Carruthers. Frazer and his family came to Australia several years ago and are naturalized Australians. They are decent people and are very popular here.
(5-11-87)

RAY MITCHELL

NEW ZEALAND

▶**AUCKLAND—Gluepot Tavern**—New Zealand's August Tanavasa (15-7) vainly endeavored to reverse a previous loss to Fiji's Luke Tui (16-7½) in the scheduled eight-round main event and after four rounds was clearly winning the bout with his greater intiative. But a clash of heads in the fifth saw Tanavasa emerge with a shocking cut over his right eyebrow and on the ringside doctor's recommendation referee Eddie Manuela had little choice but to declare Tui TKO victor.

A scheduled six-rounder between Rocky Aumatangi (11-11½) and Pilau Taito (11-9) ended in Round Three after a very stern hitting contest between both contestants. After absorbing several stinging blows around the ears, Taito stumbled to the canvas. Referee Johnny Hanks ruled it a slip and let the bout continue, but Taito conceded victory. On immediate corner examination, the ringside doctor declared that Taito possibly was suffering from a burst eardrum and subsequently the referee declared Aumatangi TKO winner.

Luka Joel (13-4½) of Fiji boxed forceably and with extreme confidence to soundly outpoint Robert Aumatangi (13-11) over six rounds. Joel varied his heavy punches to body and head in a cleanly fought bout refereed by Ali Afakasi.

Afakasi also refereed the scheduled six-rounder between Toss Lelei (11-10¼) and Tui Sevoka (11-10¼), but the fight had hardly warmed up when early in Round Two Sevoka suffered a severe cut over his left eyebrow and again, on the ringside doctor's recommendation, Lelei was declared TKO winner.

Auckland's former kick-boxer, Simon Scott (9-8¾), contested a keenly fought four-rounder against Fijian Junior Bala (9-11) in a bout refereed by Hanks. Scott notched up his first pro victory with a split points decision.

Promoters: John Glozier and Johnny Lloyd.

Attendance: 300.
(6-15-87)

JOHNNY HANKS

AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

▶**PORT ELIZABETH**—South African lightweight champion Nika Khumalo retained his championship belt with a closely contested draw against Aladin Stevens over 12 rounds.

In the earlier rounds, Stevens was on top. But he faded in the later rounds and allowed Khumalo to come back into the fight.

In the main supporting bout, Cape bantamweight champion Fundile Shushwana successfully defended his title with a seventh-round knockout of Cingile Sandi.
(4-19-87)

▶**MDANTSANE**—Welcome Ncita, the South African flyweight champion, outpointed Victor Sonaba over 12 rounds to retain his title.

Ncita's victory was unanimous, but he was given a hard fight by the game challenger and was dropped by a short right cross to the jaw in the third round for a count of eight.

Jackie Ndaliso, Cape featherweight champion, stopped Mabhongo Diko in three.

Julius Mnwana retained his Cape junior welterweight title when the referee was forced to stop his fight with Linda Nondzaba in the seventh due to a bad cut.
(4-26-87)

▶**DURBAN**—A rather jaded Soloman Zuma gained a lucky decision over Douglas Sibiya after being dropped in the first round of an eight-rounder at the light heavyweight limit.
(4-27-87)

▶**MEDUNSA**—Hard-punching light heavyweight Freddie Rafferty scored a sensational, second-round knockout over the fancied Howard Mpepesi in a scheduled eight-rounder.

Gideon Strydom, having his first fight in 14 months, was unimpressive in winning a narrow points decision over Willie Hoffman in a junior middleweight bout over four rounds.

▶**SPRINGS**—Charles Oosthuizen retained his South African junior middleweight title with an impressive, fourth-round knockout over Isaac Yoto.

The 24-year-old champion, using non-stop aggression, overwhelmed his opponent. Since winning the title, Oosthuizem is a more determined and confident fighter and is destined to go places.

Featherweight Petros Mahlangu scored his sixth straight knockout when he stopped Petros Maseko in the second of a scheduled four.
(5-3-87)

▶**ELDORADO PARK**—Johannes "Baby Joe" Miya turned in a rather boring performance to shade Jacob Mazibuko in their Transvaal flyweight title fight over 10 rounds.

Aladin Stevens wasted no time knocking out Job Sisanga in the first of their scheduled eight at the lightweight limit.

Jeffrey Mankune, coming in as a lightweight, scored a clear-cut, but hard-earned points decision over Hope Guliwe over six rounds.
(5-10-87)

▶**DURBAN**—Simon Bekker needed only 45 second to become the new South African junior lightweight champion as he caught Elijah Cele with a straight right to the jaw which sent Cele flying into the ropes to take the fall.

This was for the vacant title previously held by current WBA junior lightweight champion Brian Mitchell.

In the main supporting bout, Siza Makhatini won a boring, eight-round points decision over Barry Ellis from Britain.
(5-17-87)

▶**PIETERSBURG**—Sakkie Horn out-powered the eighth-ranked WBA light heavyweight "Sugarboy" Malinga to win the South African title over 12 absorbing rounds.

Malinga literally gave his title away with his negative style of boxing. This was a much more determined Horn who reversed a previous loss to Malinga.

Light heavyweight Lucas Sereme was no match for Sakkie Enslin, who knocked him out in the fourth round of a scheduled eight-rounder.
(5-9-87)

▶**SUN CITY**—Brian Mitchell, the WBA junior lightweight champion, oozed confidence and had no difficulty stopping Venezuelan Aurelio Benitez at 2:31 of the second round.

An estimated crowd of 5,000 in the Superbowl saw Mitchell take command from the first bell and Benitez was dropped by a short right to the chin for an eight count in the second. The Venezuelan tried to fight back but was dropped for another eight count. With his man dazed, Mitchell continued the barrage and it was no surprise when the referee stepped in to halt the fight.

South African welterweight champion Harold Volbrecht, who lost last time out against Mark Breland, got back on the winning track with a first-round stoppage of David Silva from Venezuela.

In a sensational upset, Freddie Rafferty knocked out former WBA junior heavyweight champion Piet Crous in the seventh round of an exciting, slam-bang affair.
(5-16-87)

▶**CAPE TOWN**—Philip Mampara won the Cape middleweight title from Sandile Hoho on points over 10 bruising rounds.

Light heavyweight Jimmy Murray showed promise in beating Mtukanti Nkomo over four rounds.

Derrick Whiteboy made short work of Matthew Mpanqa, stopping him in the first round of a bantamweight contest.
(5-3-87)

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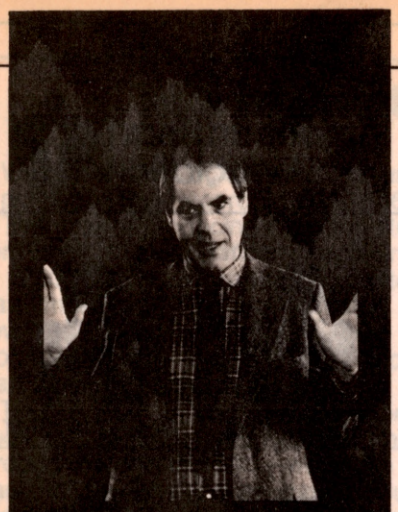

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1. Tony Tucker (US)
2. Tyrell Biggs (US)
3. Pinklon Thomas (US)
4. Michael Spinks (US)
5. Trevor Berbick (Canada)
6. Jose Ribalta (US)
7. Frank Bruno (England)
8. James Smith (US)
9. Tim Witherspoon (US)
10. Razor Ruddock (Canada)
11. Tony Tubbs (US)
12. Larry Alexander (US)
13. Greg Page (US)
14. Adilson Rodrigues (Brazil)
15. Carl Williams (US)
16. James Broad (US)
17. Bert Cooper (US)
18. James Douglas (US)
19. Horace Notice (England)
20. Anders Eklund (Sweden)
21. Joe Bugner (US)
22. Mike Weaver (US)
23. Michael Williams (US)
24. Renaldo Snipes (US)
25. Orlin Norris (US)
26. Marvis Frazier (US)
27. Gary Mason (England)
28. James Pritchard (US)
29. Tony Fulilangi (Tonga)
30. Ernie Barr (Bahamas)

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Champion
Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
1. Boone Pultz (US)
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3. Michael Greer (US)
4. Henry Tillman (US)
5. Lee Roy Murphy (US)
6. Dwight Qawi (US)
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19. Anthony Davis (US)
20. Kevin Wagstaff (Australia)
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28. Young Haumoma (Tonga)
29. Roy Smith (England)
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Thomas Hearns (US)
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2. Don La Londe (Canada)
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16. Don Lee (US)
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18. Mark Holmes (US)
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27. Doug DeWitt (US)
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29. Kevin Moley (US)
30. Mardo Roybal (US)

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7. John Munduga (Uganda)
8. Ramon Ramos (Argentina)
9. Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
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11. Darrin Van Horn (US)
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13. David Braxton (US)
14. Chris Pyatt (England)
15. Carlos Elliott (Japan)
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17. Troy Waters (Australia)
18. Kenny Snow (US)
19. Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
20. Davey Moore (US)
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22. Elio Diaz (Venezuela)
23. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
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25. John Jackson (US)
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27. Reyes Cruz (Dominican Republic)
28. Ricardo Nunez (Argentina)
29. Robert Hines (US)
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4. Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)
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6. Ronnie Shields (US)
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LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
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3. Frankie Randall (US)
4. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Uganda)
5. Pernell Whitaker (US)
6. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
7. Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)
8. Cubanito Perez (US)
9. Amancio Castro (Colombia)
10. John Duplessis (US)
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4. Mario Miranda (Australia)
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6. Francisco Tomas Da Cruz (Brazil)
7. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)
8. Harold Knight (US)
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13. Jim McDonnell (England)
14. Pascual Aranda (US)
15. Danilo Cabrera (Dominican Republic)
16. Salvatore Curcetti (Italy)
17. Kenny Baysmore (US)
18. Sam Akromah (Ghana)
19. Dwight Pratchett (US)
20. Tony Pep (Canada)
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22. Dennis Cruz (Puerto Rico)
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24. Tyrone Jackson (US)
25. Eduardo Galan (Argentina)
26. Jackie Beard (US)
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29. Francisco Fernandez (Panama)
30. Elodoro Urbina (Peru)

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3. Valerio Nati (Italy)
4. Samart Payakaroon (Thailand)
5. Loris Stecca (Italy)
6. Jose Sanabria (Venezuela)
7. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
8. Jesse Benavides (US)
9. Jesus Salud (Hawaii)
10. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
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15. Aaron Lopez (US)
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17. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Republic)
18. Hi-Yun Chung (Korea)
19. Prayoonsak Maungsurin (Thailand)
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21. Mark Horikoshi (Japan)
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24. Patricio Gil (Argentina)
25. Manuel Vilchez (Venezuela)
26. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Republic)
27. Alfredo Rangel (US)
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29. Robert Shannon (US)
30. Little Bangoyan (Philippines)

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2. Greg Richardson (US)
3. Hurley Snead (US)
4. Frankie Duarte (US)
5. Lucio Lopez (Argentina)
6. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
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8. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
9. Ernie Cataluna (Philippines)
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14. Juan Jose Estrada (Mexico)
15. Azael Moran (Panama)
16. Schoolboy Ramirez (Mexico)
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18. Naoto Takahashi (Japan)
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20. Raul Perez (Mexico)
21. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
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24. Ciro de Leva (Italy)
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26. Fernando Beltran (Mexico)
27. Changuito Carmona (Mexico)
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29. Luis Mendoza (Argentina)
30. Tadashi Shimabukuru (Japan)

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Santos Laciar (Argentina)
1. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
2. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
3. Bebis Rojas (Colombia)
4. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
5. Juan Carazo (Puerto Rico)
6. Juan Polo (Colombia)
7. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
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15. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
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19. Chun Huh (Korea)
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21. Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
22. Soon-Chun Kwong (Korea)
23. Elvis Alvarez (Colombia)
24. Dong-Choon Lee (Korea)
25. Oscar Bolivar (Colombia)
26. Constancio Dangla (Philippines)
27. Dae-Yong Park (Korea)
28. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
29. Ernesto Ford (Panama)
30. Jose Chacon (Panama)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
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3. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
4. Miguel Mercedes (Dominican Republic)
5. Orlando Canizales (US)
6. Oh-Kong Son (Korea)
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9. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
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11. Leopard Tamakuma (Japan)
12. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
13. Hideaki Kamishiro (Japan)
14. Ray Medel (US)
15. Yul-Woo Lee (Korea)
16. David McAuley (England)
17. Jimmy Fernandez (Mexico)
18. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
19. Nana Konadu (Ghana)
20. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
21. Kenji Matsumura (Japan)
22. Rolando Bohol (Philippines)
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29. Fernando Varguez (Mexico)
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6. Tomohiro Kiyuna (Japan)
7. Willy Salazar (Mexico)
8. Benedicto Murillo (Panama)
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11. Cho-Woon Park (Korea)
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20. Santiago Mendez (Mexico)
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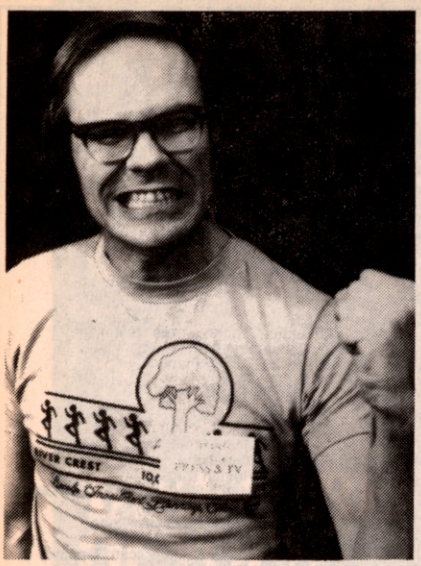

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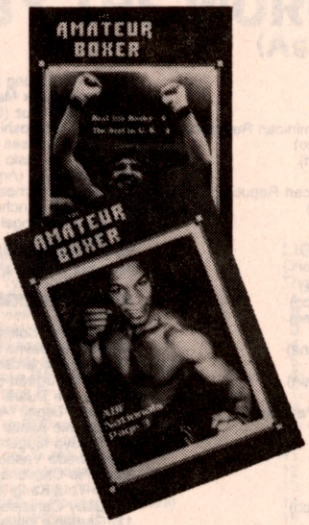

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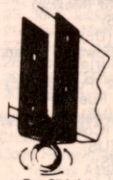

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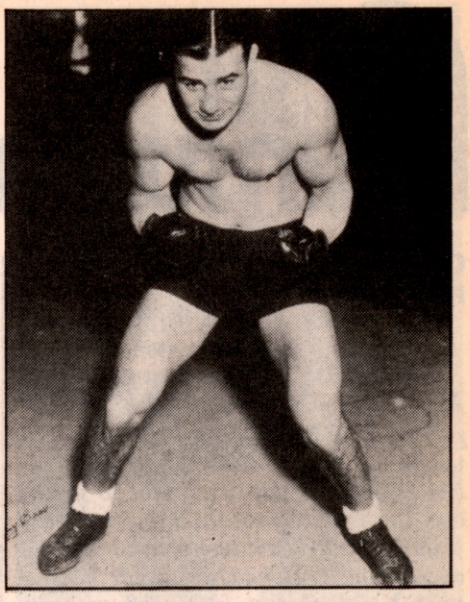
VETERAN BOXERS BEAT

by Charlie Spina

Benny Bass



THIS MONTH WE TAKE A LOOK BACK AT Benny Bass, one of the greatest featherweights of the Roaring 20s. Bass was born in the Ukraine city of Kiev in Russia on December 4, 1887 and came to the United States of America as a youngster. He took up boxing at an early age and turned pro at 17 after a brief amateur career.

A resident of Philadelphia, Benny soon became a local favorite, beating the likes of Spencer Gardner, Terry Martin, Steve Smith, Johnny Farr, Eddie Anderson, Leo "Kid" Roy, Babe Herman, Joe Glick, Chick Suggs and Dom Petrone.

Bass, who was nicknamed "Fish," claimed the featherweight title in 1927 after beating Red Chapman over 10 rounds in Philadelphia, but relinquished the claim when he was beaten by Tony Canzoneri in Madison Square Garden the next year.

After the loss to Canzoneri, Bass campaigned as a junior lightweight and was successful beating men such as Davy Abad, Petey Mack, Augie Pisano and Johnny Datto. He won recognition as world 130-pound champion by stopping Tod Morgan in two rounds, December 20, 1929.

Bass held the junior lightweight belt for close to two years, but only made one successful defense, outpointing Lew Massey over 10 rounds. In his next defense, Bass lost the crown when Kid Chocolate kayoed him in seven rounds on July 15, 1931 in Philly.

Bass fought on for almost another 10 years, winning most of his bouts. He finally hung up his gloves in 1940 with a remarkable pro record of 165 wins, 36 losses, seven draws, four no decisions and one no contest with 59 knockouts.

One of the best featherweights to ever grace the ring, Bass died on June 25, 1975 in Philadelphia.

VETERAN BOXERS NOTES: THE IBHF held its Banquet of Boxing Champions at the Marriot Hotel in Syracuse, New York. Honored guests were Billy Conn, Gene Fullmer, Floyd Patterson, Carmen Basilio, Billy Backus, Jersey Joe Walcott, Willie Pep, Tony Zale, Emile Griffith and former boxing promoter Norman Rothschild ... The One-On-One Wall Street Charity Fund held its charity boxing card at the Felt Forum in New York City this past May. Honored were Billy Conn and Sandy Saddler. The One-On-One Club is an organization sponsored by guys who work at investment houses during the day and shed their pin-stripes for boxing trunks at night. All proceeds go to various charities ... I ran into an old friend at the VBA 21 (Brooklyn) annual Spring get-together—Patsy Giovanelli, the former Brooklyn lightweight contender. Back in the 40s, Patsy thrilled MSG fans with his exciting style of fighting. He now lives in Woodhaven, New Jersey and wishes to be remembered to all his old fans ... Former welterweight star Johnny Bratton now resides in Oakland, California and works as a waiter at the Bohemian Club on Nob Hill in San Francisco. Jimmy also trains fighters at Newman's Gym ... Ring 20 (Kearney, N.J.) held its annual dinner/dance at Vecchirello's in Little Ferry, New Jersey. A nice turnout was on hand to honor New Jersey Sen. Thomas Cowan, IBF light heavyweight boss Bobby Czyz, NVBA president Ralph Lake, Georgie Holzman, Dr. Joseph Nazareth, Joseph Supor Jr., and yours truly, Charlie Spina. It was a very nice affair and co-chairmen Paul Venti and Willie Smith are to be commended ... This year's International Veteran Boxers Association Convention is slated to be held September 18, 19 & 20 at the FRIAR TUCK resort in the Catskills (hope to see you there) ... Many members of Ring 4 (Boston) attended the annual Jack Sharkey Road Race held in Epping, New Hampshire. This marathon was held in honor of the former heavyweight champion who will be 85 on October 26th. Happy Birthday, champ! We wish you many, many more ... The NVBA will hold its 25th annual convention on October 9 thru 12 (three nights and four days) at the George Washington Lodge, US Route 22 and 1350 MacArthur Road, Allentown, Pa. 18052 (hope to see you there, too) ...

THE LAST ROUND: BENNY KESSLER, 76, died Feb. 15, 1987 in Baltimore, Maryland. Kessler had 129 bouts as a featherweight during the 30s and is a member of the Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame. He was a retired mail clerk for the U.S. House of Representatives and a decorated veteran of World War II ... Henry Spinelli, 86, died on March 9, 1987 in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Spinelli started boxing when he was 14 and had more than 100 bouts before retiring at age 38. He held the Pennsylvania bantamweight title for five years. After retiring from the ring, Henry worked as a police officer and referee ... Lawrence Reina, 73, formerly of Easton, Pa. and Miami, Fla., died April 18, 1987 in Manhattan Beach, California. Known as "The Easton Pride," Reina fought from bantamweight to welter during the 30s and once worked in Rocky Marciano's training camp ... Johnny O'Keefe, former lightweight contender of the late 20s and early 30s, recently passed away. O'Keefe fought all the leading men of his era and is installed in the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame. □

ASK THE ANSWERMAN

BY PHILL MARDER

Q: When was Oscar Bonavena's last fight?

SEAN BLACKMORE
Ventura, CA

A: *The powerful Argentinian last appeared in a prize ring Feb. 26, 1976 when he decisioned Billy Joiner in Reno, Nevada. He was shot to death less than three months later in Mustang, Nevada. Bonavena, who was 33 at the time, finished his career 57-9-1, with 43 knockouts. In his 12 years as a pro, Bonavena fought Tom McNeeley (KO5), Zora Folley (L10, W10), Greg Peralta (W12, D10), George Chuvalo (W10), Joe Frazier (L10, L15), Karl Mildenberger (W12), Jimmy Ellis (L12), Leotis Martin (W10), Cassius Clay (KOby15), Floyd Patterson (L10) and Ron Lyle (L12).*

Q: I have long sought information about George Lavigne, a la "The Saginaw Kid." The boxing maven of Chicago, Ben Bentley, suggested that I try *The Ring*. After reading Joyce Carol Oates' article in the March issue where she takes us back to 265 B.C. I decided what the heck. That's even before my time, so I'm giving it a try. He would be my second cousin, and my kids have always bugged me to find out something about him. You know how we all love to touch a celebrity.

ELEANOR LA VIGNE CHOUINARD
Lansing, IL

A: *George Kid Lavigne was born in Bay City, Michigan December 6, 1869 and is the first world lightweight champion recognized by* ***The Ring****. Lavigne started boxing in 1886 and was undefeated until 1899. During that time, he laid claim to the American championship, then traveled to London to score a 17-round knockout over English champion Dick Burge, which gave Lavigne recognition as world champion. He tried for the welterweight crown in 1899 and suffered his first loss, being knocked out in 14 rounds by Mysterious Billy Smith. Two fights later, he lost his lightweight championship to Frank Erne on a 20-round decision. Lavigne also fought Young Griffo, whom he held to draw, and Andy Bowen, who died after being knocked out in 18 rounds. He continued fighting until 1909, retiring with a record of 35-6-10 with 19 KOs and four no decisions. Lavigne died in Detroit, March 9, 1928. He was elected to* ***The Ring*** *Hall of Fame in 1959.*

Q: I would like to know the records of Ray Mancini, Alexis Arguello and Carlos Zarate. Also, the fighters each was defeated by.

CLAY ISTRE
Morse, LA

A: *Mancini was 29-3 with 23 knockouts, losing by 14-round KOs to Arguello and Livingstone Bramble and by 15-round decision to Bramble. Add another loss if he fights Camacho. Arguello was 78-6 with 63 KOs, losing to Alacran Espinosa (L6), Jorge Reyes (KOby6), Ernesto Marcel (L15), Vilomar Fernandez (L10) and Aaron Pryor (KOby14, KOby10). Zarate went 54-2 with 53 KOs, losing only to Wilfredo Gomez, who stopped him in five, and Lupe Pintor, who captured Zarate's WBC bantamweight title with a 15-round decision.*

Q: I've watched Brian Brunette many times on TV and the junior welterweight looked unbeatable. I read, however, that he was stopped by Patrizio Oliva in Italy. Please give me the particulars of the stoppage.

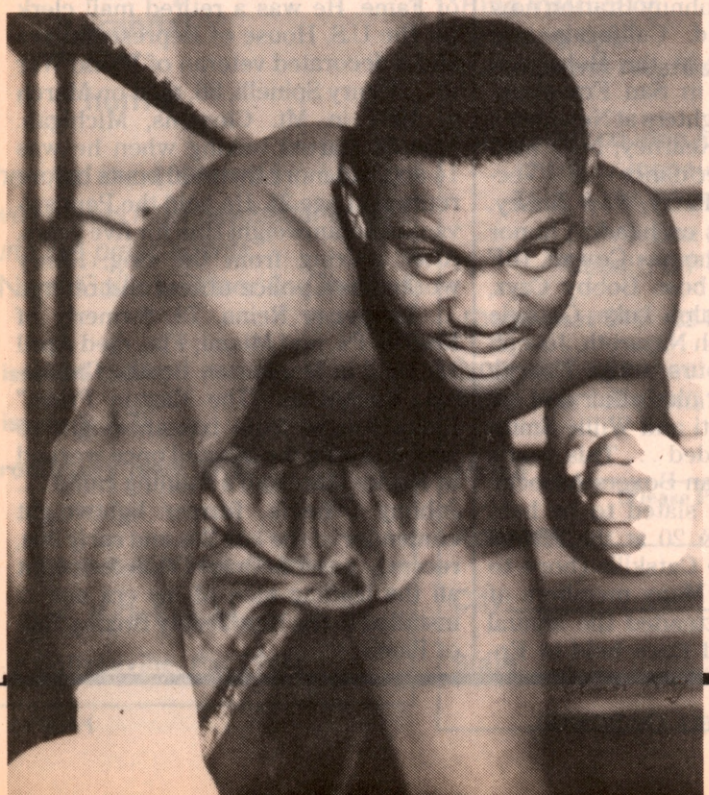
PAUL DICI
Meadville, PA

A: *Brunette tried for Oliva's WBA junior welterweight title September 6, 1986. Oliva won by a third-round KO. Brunette was forced to make three trips to the scales before he made 140 pounds and was reportedly so weakened by the weight loss, he stood little chance against the talented Italian.*

Q: I would very much appreciate any information you may have on a fighter who fought light heavyweight or heavyweight or was a sparring partner for the good fighters back around 1935 to 1945. The man in question is Bud Creed, a black man about 65 years old who now lives in Lima, Ohio.

ROBERT FLEISCHMANN
Lima, OH

A: *A black lightweight by the name of Bobby Creed fought during the time*



This month "The Answerman" helps reader Archie Dunlop with some info on Elmer (Violent) Ray, hard-punching heavyweight from the 30s and 40s.

you mention. He was born in Atlanta, May 15, 1922, which would make him 65 years old. Creed's record is incomplete, but the 1944 Ring Record Book *shows him fighting 13 times from 1940 to 1942 with a record of 10-2-1 with five knockouts. His career was interrupted when he joined the armed forces in 1942.*

Q: Was Billy Miske's first fight against Jack Dempsey close? Was Willie Ritchie an outstanding lightweight champ or were top contenders breathing down his neck?

BRIAN MCNAMEE
Victoria, Australia

A: *Miske fought Dempsey three times, the first bout taking place in St. Paul on May 3, 1918. For a description of that match, we turn to* ***Ring*** *founder Nat Fleischer's biography "Dempsey," which states, "Their initial contest in St. Paul was at a time when Miske was at his best. He was a good, thrill-providing fighter and the affair was well received. In the third round, Miske aroused his followers to wild enthusiasm with a left to the stomach that had Dempsey in distress. The bell brought sweet music to Jack's ear. In the seventh round, Dempsey clouted Billy with a left to the stomach that caused Billy to wince. He saved himself by clinching. Jack struck Miske a low blow twice in the fourth round, but Billy made no complaint, although Dempsey did complain when Billy hit below the belt in the second round." The bout ended in no decision, but is generally considered a draw. Fleischer added, "In their second encounter, Miske was outclassed. When the final gong sounded, Billy was a thoroughly beaten man. He had been doubled up several times by vicious body punishment, but Billy saved himself by clinching. At times, he held on with what appeared to be the tenacity of a shipwrecked sailor." Miske was already suffering from incurable Bright's disease, but he fought Dempsey for the world title two years later, trying to earn money for his family. He was knocked out in three rounds, but received $25,000.*

Any champion, no matter how outstanding, has top contenders breathing down his neck. Ritchie, however, was not particularly outstanding, holding the crown, which he won on a foul by Ad Wolgast, from 1912 to 1914. Ritchie finished 45-11-14 with just nine KOs and five no decisions.

Q: How many times was Joe Louis knocked down as a pro and by whom? What was the scoring in the first Ali-Frazier fight?

JIM CIMAROLLI
Sulpher Springs, TX

A: *Louis was knocked down 10 times by Max Schmeling (twice), James J. Braddock, Tony Galento, Buddy Baer, Jersey Joe Walcott (three times) and Rocky Marciano (twice). The official scoring of the first Ali-Frazier bout ended in a unanimous decision for Frazier, referee Arthur Mercante seeing it 8-6-1, judge Bill Recht calling it 11-4 and judge Artie Aidala, 9-6.*

Q: Will you kindly set the record straight once and for all? A few years back, "Boom Boom" Mancini fought a Japanese named Kim. My friends say "Boom Boom" killed him in the ring. I tell them this was a great fix and that Kim Du, or whatever his name was, was a stunt man of some sort. Please help me in this matter. Was this boxer damaged in the ring or not?

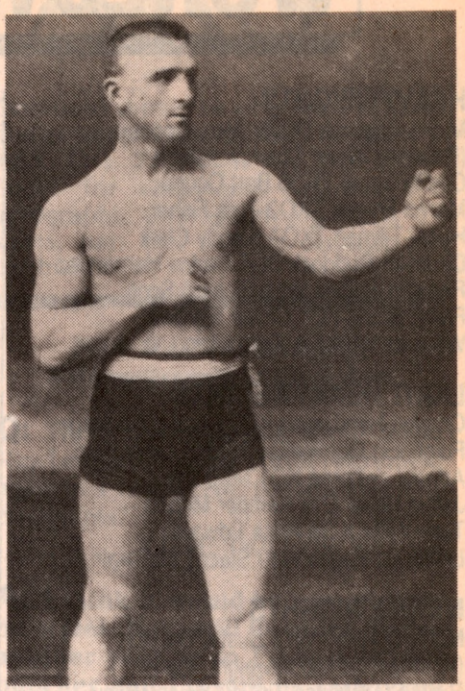
ROBERT L. LEE
Lowell, FL

A: *Surely, you jest. But, for the record, Korean Deuk-Koo Kim challenged Mancini Nov. 13, 1982 in a WBA lightweight championship fight televised nationally. Kim was stopped in the 14th round of a brutal slugfest and never regained consciousness.*

Q: I want to know how many fights Dick Wagner had. Plus, who he fought. I know for a fact he fought Jake LaMotta.

MARGIE MARTINOTTI
Portland, OR

A: *Right you are, Margie. Wagner, a Portland light heavyweight born in Toppenish, Washington, was stopped by LaMotta in 1950. Wagner fought 50 times from 1945 to 1953, compiling a 29-17-4 record with 18 knockouts, and if you think we're going to name everyone he fought, you're nuts. But, a few opponents you might recognize, besides LaMotta, were Milo Savage (L4, L8), Dan Bucceroni (W6, L10), Billy Fox (KO9, KO6), Joey De-*



Who was George (Kid) Lavigne? Read "The Answerman" and find out.

John (KO4) and Floyd Patterson. (L8, KO by 5).

Q: Can you give any information on Elmo "Violent" Ray? I believe he fought Joe Louis, Ezzard Charles and several other well-knowns.

ARCHIE DUNLOP
Gardena, CA

A: *Elmer "Violent" Ray was a Florida heavyweight born in 1910. His first official bout is listed for 1936 and he continued fighting until stopped by Louis in a 1949 exhibition bout. Ray's record of 66-10-1 with 54 KOs and one no contest is impressive, particularly when one considers he was 0-5-1 in his first six starts, being knocked out in four of them. Jersey Joe Walcott and John Henry Lewis were two of those who stopped Ray at the outset of his career. That, plus the fact that he would have started as a pro at the relatively late age of 26 if his first fight was in 1936 leads one to believe Ray had several fights unrecorded. In 1946, Ray knocked out Lee Savold in two rounds and beat Walcott on a 10-round decision. He lost to Walcott by decision in 1947, but beat Ezzard Charles in 10 later that year. Charles knocked him out in 1948. Ray met Louis in three 1949 exhibitions, going the distance in the first two.*

WORLDWIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Michael Spinks TKO5 Gerry Cooney
(Retained World Championship)
Carl Williams TKO8 Bert Cooper
Marvis Frazier TKO2 Tom Fisher
Henry Tillman TKO7 Woody Clark
Donovan Ruddock DQ7 Carlos Hernandez
Renaldo Snipes W10 Richard Scott
Frank Bruno KO1 Chuck Gardner
Willie de Wit KO2 Terry Mims

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Charles Henderson KO6 Ronnie Ackerson
Fulgencio Obelmejias TKO10 Chris Reid
Arthel Lawhorne KO1 Mike Lee
Jamie Howe D12 Kemper Morton
Tony Willis KO4 Willie Edwards
Lenny La Paglia W10 Stacey McSwain

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Matthew Hilton W15 Buster Drayton
(Won IBF Jr. Middleweight Title)
Ricky Stackhouse TKO10 Kevin Moley
David Braxton TKO7 Greg Taylor
Darnell Knox TKO5 Lalo Capetillio
Brian Grant TKO7 Reggie Barnes
Tony Thornton TKO6 Darryl Spain
Robert Hines TKO5 Anthony Wiley
Errol Christie TKO5 Tyrone McKnight
Darrin Van Horn W10 Luis Santana
James Kinchen W10 Randy Smith
Polly Pasireron W12 Suwarno
Gianfranco Rosi DQ5 Marc Ruocco
Terry Magee KO6 Seamus Casey

WELTERWEIGHTS
Juan Martin Coggi KO3 Patrizio Oliva
(Won WBA Jr. Welterweight Title)
Terry Marsh TKO7 Akio Kameda
(Retained IBF Jr. Welter Title)
Joe Manley W10 Martin Quiroz
Alphonso Long W12 Russell Mitchell
John Meekins W10 Robert Guy
Miguel Santana W10 Anthony Fletcher
Buddy McGirt KO2 Sergio Aguirre
Harold Brazier KO5 Don Marshall
Nicky Miller W10 Ray Menefee
Ras-I Aluja Bramble TKO5 John Kahlbenn
Dewith Frazier TKO8 Pete Seward
Shawn O'Sullivan W10 Denis Sigouin
Tyrone Crawley W10 Ali Kareem Muhammad
Marlon Starling KO3 Norberto Bueno
Grant Walters D10 Mitchell Julien
Rollin Williams W10 Tommy Ayers
Lloyd Christie TKO12 Mo Hussein
Naoki Ito TKO7 Mon Desoloc
Jae-Yong Park TKO3 Eiji Kikuzaki
Akinobu Hiranaka TKO5 Archie Garcia
Sung-Ho Chang D10 Sang-Shik Kim
Yung-Kil Chung W12 Francisco Ferrer
Eung-Shik Kim W10 Tae-Wang Kang
Mauro Martelli W12 Alfonso Redondo
Ronnie Shields D10 Cassius Clay Horne

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Vinny Pazienza W15 Greg Haugen
(Won IBF Title)
Frankie Randall W10 Tim Burgess
Juan LaPorte KO2 Jocko King
Gert Bo Jacobsen TKO8 Alain Simoes
Dony Escamilla KO2 Rocky Ali Rota
Fusao Imai W10 Tiger Michigami
Chul Kwon KO2 Kang Choi
Ariel Duran KO10 Sung-Yun Kim
Chong-Soo Yum TKO5 Ho-Tae Nam
Chil-Sung Chun W10 Darryl Tyson
Eun-Ee Chung TKO3 Il-Koo Chi
Bobby Chacon TKO3 Martin Guevara
Lupe Suarez W10 Juan LaPorte
Anthony English W10 Marino Ramirez

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Hector Lopez W10 Lenny Valdez
Jesus Poll W10 Daniel Garcia
Steve McCrory W12 Mike Moreno
Tony Lopez TKO10 Pedro Nolasco
Hisao Ishido W10 Keiichi Ozaki
Kenji Iizumi TKO2 Mitsuru Sugiya
Joe Hiyas W12 Hi-Yun Chung
Woo-Chun Kim KO7 Chong-Bae Ahn
Jung-Woo Park W10 Kyu-Chan Cho
Carlos Zarate TKO3 Tony Montoya

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Greg Richardson W12 Darryl Thigpen
Naoto Takahashi KO3 Mitsuo Imazato
Frankie Duarte TKO10 Alberto Davila
Shunichi Nakajima TKO5 Makoto Sawamura
Tae-Il Chung W15 Soon-Chun Kwon
(Won IBF Jr. Bantam Title)
Sung-Kil Moon KO2 Singnoi Singkrungthon
Ki-Chang Kim TKO8 Dadoy Andujar
Sukardi W10 Surasith Meeprasert
Kelvin Seabrooks TKO10 Thierry Jacob
(Retained IBF Title)

FLYWEIGHTS
Myung-Woo Yuh TKO15 Benedicto Murillo
(Retained IBF Jr. Flyweight Title)
Jung-Koo Chang KO10 Augustin Garcia
(Retained WBC Light Flyweight Title)
Ebo Danquah KO5 Jamesa Njoroge
Testsumi Matsushima TKO7 Missile Kudo
Leopard Tamakuma W10 Koji Nishikawa
Hiroyuki Miyata W10 Katsumi Komiyama
Rolando Bohol W10 Ademar Amad
Yong-Kang Kim KO1 William Belan
Sung-Woo Lee W10 Soo-Yong Shim
Rae-Ki Ahn KO4 Tim Balantay
Kyung-Youn Lee TKO2 Masaji Kawakami
(Won IBF Mini-Flyweight Title)
Samuth Sitharuepol D12 John Arief
Udin W12 Taufik Bathi
Paul Gonzales W10 Lucilo Nolasco

Former WBA lightweight champ Ras-I Aluja Bramble (left) on his way to a fifth-round TKO over John Kahlbenn on the Spinks-Cooney undercard in Atlantic City.

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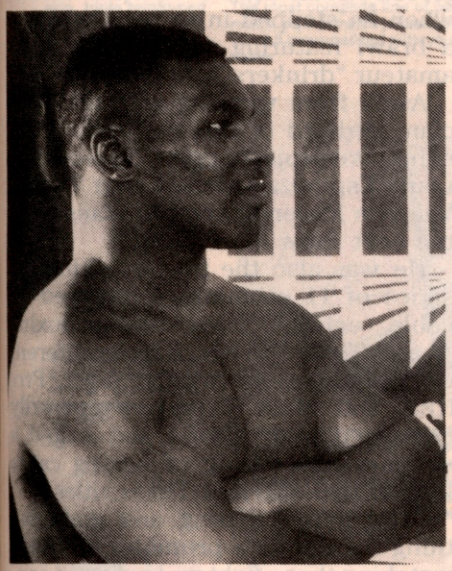
FOR TYRELL BIGGS
Heavyweight contender

Q: Although you won, you looked terrible against David Bey. If Bey hadn't run out of gas, you probably would have lost. What happened?

B.I., PHILA., PA

A: I had a mental lapse. I started thinking about Mike Tyson. I started thinking of how it would be against him. I didn't know why I had to be in there fighting this guy (Bey). At one point, after I was cut, I didn't care whether I won or lost. Then I got myself together and figured I'd better let some right hands go.



FOR MIKE TYSON
WBA and WBC heavyweight titleholder

Q: What do you think of the number Michael Spinks did on Gerry Cooney?

R.H., ST. LOUIS, MO

A: Michael Spinks did a tremendous job, a very professional job. He gave his best shots, took Cooney's best shots. I was very impressed.

FOR VINNY PAZIENZA
IBF lightweight titleholder

Q: Why do you always try to belittle your opponents?

B.F., JACKSON, MISS.

A: I taunt my opponents because that's part of the game. Being very polite in the ring will not get me anywhere, and besides, I like my style.

FOR BOB ARUM
Promoter

Q: What is the biggest problem boxing faces today?

E.D., LAKE TAHOE, NV

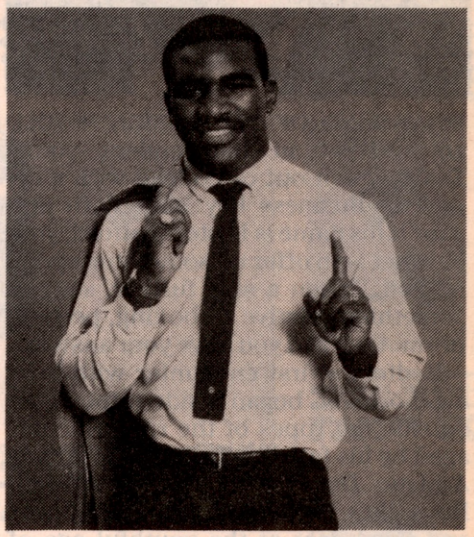
A: After all the mismatches and one-sided bouts boxing has suffered over the years, some promoters are still trying to build up the records of their fighters by feeding them stiffs. They're selfish, money-hungry idiots who've put boxing where it is today . . . in a terminal state of cancer.

FOR MARK BRELAND
WBA welterweight titleholder

Q: There has been talk about Sugar Ray Leonard coming out of retirement again in a year or two to fight you. Any comments?

V.H.M., HOLLYWOOD, CA

A: I think it would be a good fight on styles. He'd still be quick, but in another year or so I'd be a harder puncher and I'd still be taller and seven years younger. I think it would be a similar fight to Leonard-Hearns, but I think my good stiff jab would keep Leonard on the outside more than Hearns did.



FOR EVANDER HOLYFIELD
Heavyweight contender

Q: What makes you think you can beat Mike Tyson?

B.G., NEW YORK CITY

A: When we sparred as amateurs, I found out that Tyson's biggest weakness was that he couldn't get past my left jab. He showed me a lot of frustration, and I don't think he's changed that much.

IN THIS CORNER

by Bill Bolling

LESTER BEDFORD (Promoter)

WHAT KIND OF PROFESSION WOULD you advise an independent young Texan, fresh out of college with a degree in Business Psychology, to pursue? If his name is Lester Bedford, your best bet is to offer up something sports related. Taken a step further, suggest something relative to boxing, perhaps promoting, and you have your answer.

Bedford's first encounter with boxing, however, began inside rather than outside the ropes of the ring. Encouraged by his father, who at the time was Athletic Director of the Fort Worth Boys Club, Bedford first donned gloves and head gear at the youthful age of six, continuing on into junior high school where he eventually gravitated into more "conventional" sports such as baseball and football.

Although putting boxing on the backburner, Bedford still maintained a growing interest for the sport and occasionally found time to catch up on a little workout via the heavybag, as well as going to every local promotion he could squeeze into his suddenly busy schedule.

Of course, Bedford never really had any genuine aspirations of becoming involved in the boxing industry as he contemplated his future within the walls of Texas Wesleyan College, which he attended on a baseball scholarship. In fact, becoming a sports writer for the *Fort Worth Telegram-Star* was his ultimate goal. At least for a year or two, that is.

Shortly after tackling, and then becoming bored with the writing gig, Bedford managed to nudge his way into the Dallas Cowboys' headquarters. What resulted was, due to good timing and a little luck to boot, a job in public relations handling the affairs of the entire roster of ball players. "I once received a telephone call from Tex Schramm," Bedford proudly stated, referring to the colorful owner of the Cowboys. "Only problem was it was after I mistakingly sent Tony Hill into an all male strip club to sign autographs. I soon learned Tony's sense of humor was far better than Mr. Schramm's."

Bedford next decided it was time to go out on his own after consulting with his father, and in 1980 purchased the rights to the Hearns-Cuevas fight to be shown on closed-circuit television in the local area.

Experiencing a surprisingly strong showing of interest with his first closed-circuit card, Bedford subsequently bought three more major fights, including the Ali-Holmes affair. Then in January of 1981, he took a gamble and promoted his first live attraction featuring Bruce Curry against Bubba Busceme.

With a total of eight investors and $16,000 in cash, Bedford created Sports Associates and started the careers of a virtual who's who in Texas boxers.

"In 1981 we put guys like Gene Hatcher, Robin Blake, Steve Cruz, Lupe Suarez and Frankie Warren in their first professional fights," said Bedford, naming a crop of former champs and current contenders.

During this time, Bedford also promoted the largest live gate in Texas history, excluding the Astrodome, by putting Busceme up against Alexis Arguello in Beaumont, grossing a whopping $310,000. All this at the ripe old age of 26.

After going through two years and 1.8 million dollars, Bedford again decided to withdraw from boxing and ultimately went back into P.R. work, this time with a major law firm. "Oh by the way," he pointed out. "This law firm represented many of the top names in professional sports." Makes you get the feeling that even if Bedford represented the owners of a pickle factory it would somehow turn out to be sports related.

One short year after resigning from Sports Associates, the call of boxing came once again, this time in the form of Main Events president Dan Duva. The two had previously worked together handling the early career of Tony Ayala Jr. "If anyone else had called, it would have been a polite no thanks," said Bedford.

Back in the saddle once again, Bedford thus assumed the role of site coordinator for Main Events, handling the hundreds of chores involved in staging network fights for anyone from Vinny Pazienza to Pernell Whitaker.

A self-proclaimed "behind the scenes" man, Bedford, while doing countless network dates, is never seen prancing in front of the cameras, but is more concerned with keeping peace among patrons and generally running a smooth show. His role as peacemaker surfaced after the Hagler-Leonard closed-circuit fight in Corpus Christi, when he stepped in to help break up a brawl featuring some of the local amateur "drinkers."

Aside from working with the Duva clan, Bedford is also currently active in his own projects again. He promoted Louie Espinoza's victory over Tommy Valoy in Phoenix, and has plans to do the next show there as well.

He was also the power behind the series of 11 promotions televised on cable, entitled "Lite Beer's Boxing Across Texas," in which three different organizations, Gorman's Super Pro, HBA and Main Events, temporarily combined their efforts and staged a summer long string of boxing cards held in five different Texas cities.

"The most exciting and gratifying thing for me as a promoter has been watching these fighters becoming contenders and champions, realizing that I put them in their first fight years ago," said Bedford.

While making big strides in his route to becoming the predicted "Power" in boxing, Lester Bedford is certainly no King or Arum at this point, but then at age 31, who is? Why don't we give him a decade or two and check back for a progress report? Odds are, this time the kid is here to stay. □

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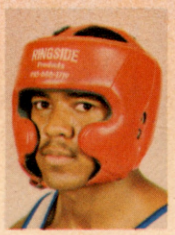

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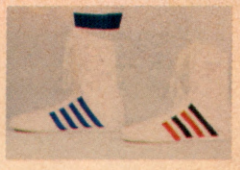

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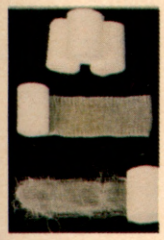

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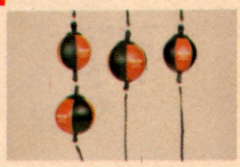

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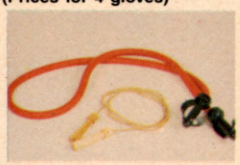

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